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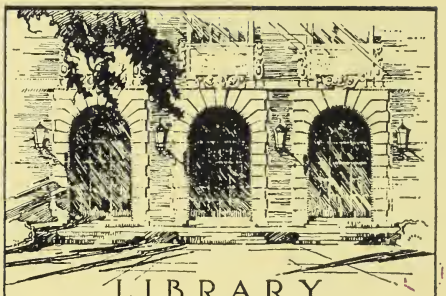

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Lieut.-Col. Edmund Keegan Kennard.

Elected Perm. Marshal of the Royal Blackheath Golf Club.

17th April 1889.

To Alexander Sinclair, who learnt the game of Golf on these classic links, in remembrance of our first meeting in Lee Park, Blackheath, August 1858

from John I. Hamilton

28 October 1897.

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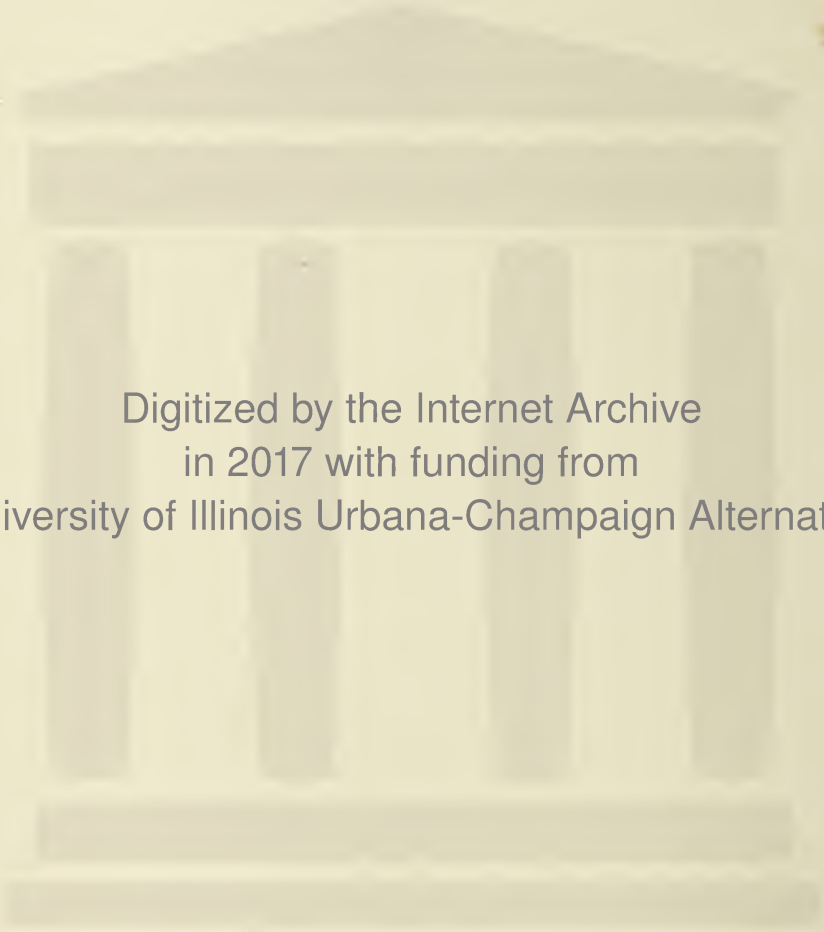

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To

LT.-COL. EDMUND HEGAN KENNARD, *the Field Marshal*,

AND TO

THE MEMBERS *IN OFFICIO* AND *EX OFFICIO* OF THE COMMITTEE

OF THE

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PREFACE.

THE Blackheath Golf Club, the oldest Golf Club in England, and without much doubt, the oldest existing Golf Club in the world; The Knuckle Club, and the Blackheath Winter Golf Club; these are the three Golfing Societies, with extracts from the extant records of which the greater portion of the following pages is filled.

In those pages will also be found reproductions of various portraits and pictures on the walls of the Club House of the Royal Blackheath Golf Club, also other portraits, together with illustrations of the time-honoured trophies and medals, and of the Challenge Cups belonging to that Club.

Considering that the records of the Blackheath Golfing Societies are the only source from which information concerning the proceedings of Golfers in the South, previous to the year 1864, can be derived: I am hopeful that this volume may commend itself, not only to fellow Blackheath Golfers, but also to brother Golfers at large, as a slight contribution to the history of the ancient game.

I have only to add my thanks to those who have aided me in preparing the volume, to Mr. Eustace Pinkerton especially, for the excellent etching of the Club House contributed by him, and to all those other members of the Royal Blackheath Golf Club who have rendered me their assistance and support in various ways.

W. E. HUGHES.

Westerham, Kent.
October, 1897.

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OF

BLACKHEATH GOLFERS.

PART I.

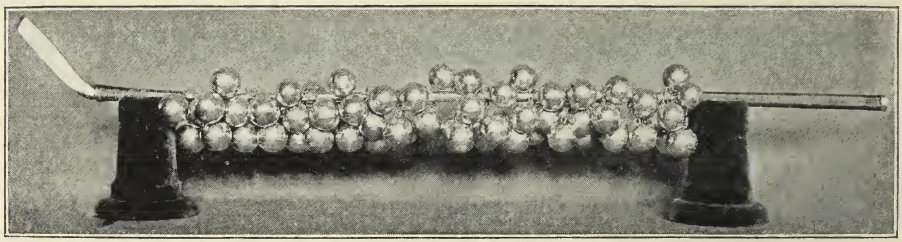
THE BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB BEFORE 1800.

THE heading prefixed to the first part of this Book gives no inconsiderable period of time to range over, and might possibly encourage the supposition that we propose to begin with a short notice of palæolithic golfers issuing from caves under Blackheath Hill. Let us say then, at once, and with regret, that the authentic information we can furnish concerning golf at Blackheath before the year 1800 is somewhat meagre, but at the same time, it is hoped, not without interest.

In vain we seek for conclusive evidence of the origin of the Blackheath Golf Club. We find an old tradition that King James the First of England, and Sixth of Scotland, played golf on the heath with some of his courtiers when the Court was at Greenwich ; that a Society of Golfers at Blackheath was

formed in the year 1608, with the royal sanction and authorisation, and that the Society and the game have existed at Blackheath up to the present time.

No written evidences of any society of Blackheath Golfers of earlier date than 1787 have come down to us. The interval of time is appalling; *hiatus*, truly *valde deflendus*. However, the early records of the Blackheath Golf Club are non-existent, having been destroyed by an ever-to-be-lamented fire at the end of the last century.



SILVER CLUB, PRESENTED BY MR. HENRY FOOT IN 1766, WITH SILVER BALLS AFFIXED BY THE CAPTAINS FROM THAT YEAR UP TO 1865.

Turning, then, to the oldest possessions and records of the Blackheath Golfers, we have evidence that their Society was flourishing in 1766, in which year a silver club was given to them by a Mr. Henry Foot. Upon what terms or conditions, if any, it was presented, we find nothing to show. There is simply the club itself bearing on its head the inscription :—

"August 16, 1766, the gift of Mr. Henry Foot to the Honourable Company of Goffers at Blackheath."

The part that this silver club has played in the various

ceremonies and doings of the Blackheath Golf Club, subsequent to the year 1800, may be gathered from the extracts from the Club minutes hereafter set forth. To the shaft of the club are hung sixty-nine silver balls, with names engraved on them, representing the Captains of the Club from the year 1766 to the year 1865.

The earliest written evidence we come across is a Cash Book of the Club, on the first page of which book the following appears :—

CHOCOLATE HOUSE, BLACKHEATH.

Received of the following Gentlemen, being subscribers of the Goff Club for 1787. (Two guineas each.)

Captain Coll Turner.
Secretary Harry Callender.
Treasurer Chas. Kensington.
Wm. Innes.
Ar. Edie.
Jno. Walker.
Wm. Hamilton.
Wm. Row.
Edwd. Addison.
Edwd. Clark.
Mr. Brymer.
Thos. Wilkinson.
Wm. Christie.
Mr. Lewis.
Robt. Edie.
Chrisr. Stedman.
Gordon Urquhart.
Mr. Jameson.
Chas. Graham.
Mr. Longlands.
Robt. Burton.
Mathw. Hood.
Josh. Rodgers.
Robt. Oliphant.
Patk. Macleod.
Thos. Mure.
Alexr. Shairp.
Duncan Campbell.
Jno. Diffell.
David Seton.
James Allen.
Mr. Porter.
Mr. Fearns.
James Fraser.
John Lee.
Mr. Dunbar.
Alexr. Learmonth.
Mr. Dalrymple.
Mr. Duff.
Mr. Ogilvie.

Mr. Brander.
Mr. Dunlop.
Mr. James Ferrier.
Mr. Mackellar.
Mr. Jno. Cleugh.
Mr. Pitcairn.
Mr. Chas. Stewart.
Mr. Robt. Milligan.
Mr. James Stewart.
Mr. Leslie.
Mr. Geo. Munro.
Mr. Lindsay.
Capt. Gregorie.
Capt. Boyd.
Alderman Macaulay.

Nearly all the names in the above list are Scotch ones, and there is no doubt but that at this date the members of the Blackheath Golf Club were, with very few exceptions, Scotchmen, settled in London or its neighbourhood, or whose presence in London was required during a portion of each year. The name of the Treasurer is decidedly a southern one. Is it fair to surmise that the Scotchmen of that day mistrusted any countryman of their own to have a sufficiently tight grip of the "bawbies," and so deputed the office of Treasurer to a Saxon?

On the debit side of the account of the Club with the Treasurer for 1787, appears:—

1787.		£	*s.*	*d.*
April 7.	To balance from Old Account	19	8	7
1st Meeting.				
May 8.	To paid the Captain's Man for taking care of the Holes .		5	0
„ 26.	To so much for Dinner short collected		4	6
July 3.	To paid the Captain's Man for taking care of the holes .		5	0
„ 28.	To so much for Dinner short collected		6	6
Nov. 3.	To Dinners up to this day	53	16	0
„	To amount Bills for the Annual Day, 11 *August*, 1787. .	63	13	3

		£	*s.*	*d.*
Nov. 3.	To an order signed by the Captain to Wm. Holt for taking care of the holes on the green	1	18	6
„	To Claret due from the Club to Mr. Walker	3	0	0
1788 up to *April* 5.	To cash paid Donaldson*	10	10	0

We extract the following from *The Public Advertiser* of Wednesday, April 2nd, 1788 :—

GOFF CLUB.

ASSEMBLY HOUSE, BLACKHEATH.

The Members of this Society are requested to take Notice, that the first Meeting of the Season will be on Saturday next, the 5th instant.

Dinner on Table at Four o'clock.

Looking at the above extracts from the Club Accounts and *The Public Advertiser* in the reflected light lent by the Minutes of the Golf Club, commencing in 1800, and those of the Knuckle Club, commencing in 1792, both dealt with in due course below, we are enabled to come to the conclusion that, at the date of our extracts, the members of the Blackheath Golf Club met for play every Saturday, during the summer season (April to beginning of November), following, no doubt, the custom established at the foundation of their Society. The Annual, or Anniversary Day of the Club was marked by a big dinner. At the end of the Club Cash Book, before referred to, we find details set forth of the Annual-Day Dinner of the 11th August, 1792, when forty-five members mustered at the table, and fifty-three guests honoured the Club with their presence.

* Club Maker.

The "Chocolate House" * was the first rendezvous we learn of for the Blackheath Golfers, and when the Assembly Rooms were removed from that house to the "Green Man Hotel," the Golfers moved with them.

At the dinner, which followed the play on each Saturday, bets were made between the members, it being understood that the amounts staked were for the benefit of the Club. With this inducement, added to the wagering proclivity of the time, the bets were numerous, and on various subjects. A bet-book commencing from July, 1791, has been preserved, and we give some extracts from it below. The majority of the bets were on the play, and these are the only source we have available from which to draw information about the course then played over. All that we can state with certainty about the golf course at Blackheath at the end of the last century is, that it was a five-hole one, and that it avoided the gravel pits.

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* The following, taken from "Hasted's History of Kent," edited by Dr. H. H. Drake—"The Hundred of Blackheath," pp. 63, 64, notes, and p. 103, may be of interest.

"The Parliamentary Survey, 28th February, 1649, mentions a tenement called the 'Bowling Green,' having five or six rooms, a little barn and stable, at the north-west end of Blackheath, two acres, at £6 a year. [The tavern afterwards became noted as the 'Green Man,' meaning probably, the man that keeps the Green.]"

Evelyn's Diary—"1663, May 1. I went to Blackheath to see the new faire, being the first procured by the Lord Dartmouth. This was the first day, pretended for the sale of cattle, but I think in truth, to enrich the new tavern at the Bowling Green, erected by Snape, His Majesty's farrier, a man full of projects."

"The old 'Bowling Green,' or 'Green Man Hotel,' was rebuilt in 1869. The 'Chocolate House,' where the elite of the neighbourhood met of an evening, stood in the Grove opposite. The Assembly Rooms adjoined the house, and were transferred to the 'Green Man,' but fell into disuse as communication with the Metropolis improved."

The "Assembly Rooms Hole" would no doubt be about opposite what is now the north-east corner of Lansdowne Place. Montague Corner was the south-west corner of Greenwich Park, what is now called "Chesterfield," being then known as "Montague Walk." We can thus pretty well fix the positions of the "out-and-in holes," and we can further infer that the course started from Montague Corner, whence we conceive it to have gone in an easterly direction across the middle of the heath. There was a hole called the "Shooter's Hill Hole" somewhere opposite the present Blackheath Terrace, whence the course appears to have gone south, towards Morden College, and come back to the middle of the heath.

It must be borne in mind that at the time of which we are writing the roads over the heath were few, and the traffic, over a great part of it, almost *nil;* whins and bracken must have been largely in evidence, and the gravel-pits, which the golfers of that day avoided, were then in full working. The portion of the heath over which the game was played was included in the waste lands of the Royal Manor of East Greenwich and of the Manor of Lewisham, of which latter the then Earl of Darmouth was Lord.

With regard to the course being a five-hole one, in which form it was kept up to the year 1844, the Blackheath Golfers of the period were doubtless in close touch with their golfing brethren in the North, and it will be found by any one who peruses the rules of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh

Golfers, adopted in 1775, that reference is made therein to the course on the Leith Links, showing that course to have consisted of five holes. The names of two of the holes on the Leith course of that day were used by the Blackheath Golfers, as appears from their bet-books, not as names of holes, but as points on the course, namely, the "Thorntree" and the "Braehead."

No early evidence exists as to the management of the affairs of the Club. That in 1789 they were managed by a Captain, Treasurer, Secretary, and Committee is shown by the cash book for that year, wherein the list of subscribers commences :—

Captain,	William Hamilton.
Treasurer,	Chas. Kensington.
Secretary,	Henry Callender.
Committee,	William Innes.
	Duncan Campbell.
	Arthur Edie.
	John Walker.
	Coll Turner.
	Alexr. Maxwell.

A portrait of William Innes, the senior member of the above Committee, was painted by Lemuel Francis Abbott, R.A., in 1790. The accompanying illustration is from an old mezzotint engraving of this portrait, by V. Green, the plate of which was dedicated by the artist "to the Society of Goffers at Blackheath." Mr. Innes is depicted on the green, ready for play, and in his club uniform as a past Captain. His clubs

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CAPTAIN 1778.

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are carried by his "college man," attired in the dress worn at that time by a pensioner of the Royal Naval Hospital, Greenwich. The golf hole by which Mr. Innes stands is marked, in a primitive way, by a sprig of whin. In the background of his picture the artist shows us Morden College and Shooter's Hill, with Severndroog Castle; on the right-hand side, one of the old windmills on the heath.

Below are given a few extracts from the bet-book before referred to :—

Saturday, 9*th July*, 1791.

Mr. Pitcaithly bets Capt. Fairfull one gallon of claret that he drives the Short Hole in Three strokes, six times in ten—to be played for the first time he comes to Blackheath—after the Annual day.

Lost and paid by Mr. Pitcaithly the 10th September.

Saturday, 9*th July*, 1791.

Mr. Loughnan bets Mr. A. S. Gordon one Gallon Claret, that it is not lawful to purchase Stock of the Holder while that Stock is shut for paying the dividend.

The above bet was referred to Mr. Barnes and Mr. Platt, both eminent Stock Brokers, for their opinion, who said, that buying Stock, when it could not be delivered, was a Time Bargain, consequently not Lawful.

Saturday, 3*rd September*, 1791.

Mr. Hamilton bets Mr. Innes one Gallon Claret that he beats him next Saturday, giving him Twenty-eight Strokes in Four Rounds.

Col. Horsfall takes Hamilton
Mr. Christie takes Mr. Innes } for one gallon.

Saturday, 10*th September*, 1791.

Lost and paid by Mr. Innes
Do. by Mr. Christie } Two Guineas.

10*th September*, 1791.

Mr. Christie bets Mr. Barnes one Gallon Claret that he drives from the Thorn Tree beyond the College Hole in three strokes, five times in ten, to be decided next Saturday.

17*th September*, 1791.

Mr. Barnes lost his bet to Mr. Christie.

1*st October*, 1791.

Capt. Welladvice having left the Company without Permission of the Chair, has forfeited one Gallon Claret.

8*th October*, 1791.

Mr. Turner bets Mr. Walker one gallon claret that he plays him on Wednesday the 12th inst. Four rounds on the Green, and that Mr. Walker does not gain a hole of him.

8*th October*, 1791.

Mr. James Loughnan bets Barnes one Gallon Claret that he plays him three rounds, with the out and in holes, and beats him—Play or Pay.

7*th April*, 1792.

Mr. Barnes bets Mr. Walker one Gallon of Claret that Mr. Jacob Wilkinson is elected into the direction of the East India Company on Wednesday the 11th inst. Lost and paid by Mr. Barnes, 1 guinea.

21*st April*, 1792.

Mr. Longlands bets Mr. Wm. Innes, senior, that he will play him for a gallon of Claret, giving Mr. Innes one stroke in each Hole. Four rounds on the green, Out and in holes to be played.

It is understood that if they come in equal. One Hole additional is to be played to determine this Bet.

1*st September*, 1792.

Mr. Duff lays Mr. Turner a Hogshead of Claret that Monsieur Dumourier now Commander of the Northern Army of France, was not advanced to the rank of Colonel in the French Service previous to the present Revolution.

Mr. Turner lays the contrary.

Lost and paid honorably by Mr. Duff.

T. Longlands, *Chair.*

1*st June*, 1793.

Mr. Morgan bets Mr. Glasgow two Gallons of Claret to one that Tobago was not in possession of the British on the 26th April, 1793.

[N.B.—The news of the Capture of Tobago on the 15th April by General Cuyler arrived in London on the day this Bet was laid.]

17*th May*, 1794.

Mr. Alexr. Innes bets Capt. Macaulay a Gallon of Claret that on the day the King went to St. Paul's after his Recovery, each Housekeeper(*sic*) in the City was required to furnish a man, in the capacity of militia man, to attend his Majesty upon that occassion.

14*th June*, 1794.

Mr. Hamilton bets Mr. Easterby a Gallon of Claret that the *Ardent*, Man of War, taken by the combined Fleet in the Channel was retaken from the French in Rodney's Action on the 12th April, or in the following up of that victory.

Mr. Easterby lost this bet.

14*th June*, 1794.

Mr. Callender bets Mr. Macaulay a gallon of claret that the *Pegasus* was taken by a sqaudron under Admiral Barrington. Mr. Macaulay, says no.

Mr. Macaulay lost this bet.

23*rd April*, 1796.

Some time ago, Mr. John Mackenzie (King's Arms Yard) laid Mr. Hamilton —in a private Company but for the benefit of the Golf Club—one gallon of claret, that Horne Took—at that time on trial for High Treason—would be found guilty. Mr. H. said no. Lost and paid by Mr. Mackenzie.

25*th June*, 1796.

Capt. Macmillan betts a gallon with Mr. Jameson—That Capt. Macara in five strokes drives further by 15 yards than any other gentleman Mr. Jameson may name of the Golf Society now present, to be determined next Saturday.

Mr. Jameson lost.

25*th June*, 1796.

Mr. Callender bets Mr. Hamilton one gallon that Mr. R. Mackenzie drives in five strokes farther than Mr. H., to commence at the Assembly Hole and go on five strokes running.

22*nd April*, 1797.

Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. Callender voluntarily offered that each of them would pay 5 guineas towards the extinction of the Club Debt, if the ship *Benificence* arrived.

Captured and carried into Naples.

20*th May*, 1797.

Mr. Innes bets Mr. Wilson a gallon (a guinea) that he beats him, allowing Mr. Innes the tee stroke with his wooden club and afterwards with his irons. Out and in—4 rounds.

13*th October*, 1798.

Mr. Satterthwaite bets Mr. Callender a gallon of Claret that Admiral Nelson's Squadron does take or destroy the French Transports in the Harbour of Alexandria, or the major part of them.

13*th April*, 1799.

The following bet was this day laid, as exemplified on the opposite leaf—

That the Fleet of Transports blocked up in the harbour of Alexandria, are either burnt or destroyed before this day.

The Captain, Mr. Longlands, bets the Company a Gallon that they are not destroyed, the Company say they are.

(Opposite Leaf.)

That they are destroyed.	*That they are not.*
Each a Gallon of Claret.	
Mr. Mackenzie	Mr. Callender
Mr. K. Mackenzie	Mr. Yuille
Mr. Jno. Mackenzie	Mr. Hamilton
Mr. Mackellar	Mr. Duff
Mr. R. Duff	Mr. Alexr. Innes
Mr. Walker	Mr. Wm. Innes.

13*th April*, 1799.

Mr. Walker bets Mr. Hamilton a Gallon—That a Fleet from St. Hellens with the wind at N.N. West can proceed down Channell and weather Ushant upon one Tack.

Mr. Hamilton says they can not.

N.B. The Fleet are agreed to be Men of War, and the wind N.N. West by compass.

29*th June*, 1799.

Mr. Walker bets Mr. Hamilton two gallons to one (barring the bubble) that a Frigate shall or may sail from St. Hellens with the wind at N.N. West per compass, and she shall have such a gale as will best enable her to make a weatherley course and upon one Tack weather Ushant seven leagues.

Mr. Hamilton says she cannot.

We will conclude this part with some extracts from the Club Accounts—

1788.	*Dr.*	£	*s.*	*d.*
April 5.	To cash paid Coll Turner what he paid Sally at Robert's Hole for 1787	1	1	0
„ 12.	To paid W. Holt for taking care of the Holes on the heath ½ year due this day @ 1/– per week	1	6	0
„ 19.	To cash paid Mr. Callender what he gave poor Collier .	1	1	0
Aug. .	To cash paid Captain Hamilton what he gave Peggy at Robert's hole for 1788	1	1	0
Nov. 3.	To paid Wm. Holt for taking care of the holes on the Heath up to the 1 Nov.	1	14	0

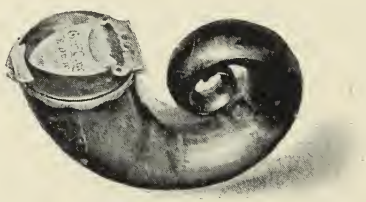
1789.	*Dr.*			
April 1.	To paid for China Bowls in Dec. 1786	6	6	0
„	To paid for one large do. in April 1789	3	13	6
„	To paid Collier, 9th May and 15th August	2	2	0
Nov. 1.	To paid Donaldson (Club Maker) his annual allowance .	10	10	0
„	To paid Holt for expences of the Ditch Holes . . .	6	12	0

1790.				
April 27.	To paid for advertising the Club Meetings	3	12	0
Nov. 1.	To paid for repairing the Silver Club	8	10	0

1791.	*Cr.*			
Jan. 24.	By 5 old Silver Balls sold	2	2	0

1791.	*Dr.*			
April 2.	To loss on Light Money	1	0	6
Aug. 7.	To cash paid for a Turtle	11	0	0

		£	s.	d.
	Dr.			
Aug. 13.	To amount of the Annual Dinner	105	8	3
Nov. 5.	To cash voted by the Club to old John	2	2	0
1792.				
June 16.	To cash paid for a Tent.	38	5	6
Nov. 5.	To loss on light money	1	3	9
1794.	*Cr.*			
Aug. .	By cash received of Mr. Callender for Mr. Campbell, Fine for not accepting the Captain Generalship	21	0	0
1794.	*Dr.*			
Aug. 9.	To amount paid Ld. Howe's Committee	31	10	0
1795.				
April 4.	To paid for Mourning Crape	4	0	0
1796.				
Nov. 5.	To paid for keeping the Tent in repair	5	5	0
1797.				
Aug. 9.	To Mourning Crape—Capt. Edie	2	0	0
Nov. 4.	To keeping the Tent in repair	2	12	6
1798.	*Cr.*			
Nov. 3.	By amount of Mr. Innes' Legacy	50	0	0
1798.	*Dr.*			
Nov. 3.	To paid keeping the Tent in repair	3	3	0
„	To paid for 100 three per cents.	54	15	0



SNUFF MULL,
THE GIFT OF MR. THOMAS LONGLANDS,
1799.

PART II.

THE KNUCKLE CLUB.

BEFORE proceeding with the Records of the Blackheath Golf Club, we propose, as our most convenient course, to consider those of the Knuckle Club and Blackheath Winter Golf Club, each of which Clubs was, in its turn, a sort of complement of the Blackheath Golf Club. Nearly all the members, both of the Knuckle and the Blackheath Winter Golf Club, were also members of the Blackheath Golf Club, which is referred to in the records of those two Clubs as "the Parent Club," and in this Parent Society the Blackheath Winter Golf Club practically merged on its dissolution.

From a golfer's point of view, the reason for the establishment of the Knuckle Club at Blackheath does not seem far to seek. The Blackheath Golf Club limited their season for play to the period between the first Saturday in April and the first Saturday in November in each year. Keen summer golfers would therefore not unnaturally feel the want of some society to govern golf and regulate golf dinners during the remaining portion of the year, and take steps to form a Club accordingly.

From a "Knuckler's" point of view, the reason for the establishment of the Club is still to be sought, and at this distance of time there seems no hope of discovering it, the written story of the origin of the Knuckle Club having been destroyed more than seventy years ago by the members, and no tradition existing as to what it was.

It must be taken, as "going without saying," that the primary object of the Knuckle Club from its beginning was "golf." In all Golfing Societies of the period, the dinner formed a very important part of the day's proceedings when play was to the fore, and, looking at the first volume of the minutes of the Knuckle Club, minus, unfortunately, the first four pages, we find the Club to have been established on the 17th January, 1789, to meet weekly, on Saturday, during a certain portion of the year, and at dinner to discuss, *inter alia*, "a dish of soup and knuckles, *particularly beef ones.*" We find a duly-appointed chairman * for the day, also a deputy, who named his own successor for the next meeting, at which he (the then deputy) passed on to the chair, a succession of chairmen and deputies being thus secured from meeting to meeting.

A mystery, which it is quite impossible now to penetrate, involved the Knuckle Club. Its members were initiated, a sign and answer to questions had to be learnt, and an

* The chairman was designated "Knuckle." After the institution of the gold medal of the Club the winner thereof was styled "Grand Knuckle" for the year.

order, or ornaments, had to be worn by each of them in the Club. A member leaving the room with his order on was subject to a fine.

Several pages of the minutes have to be gone through before finding any direct mention of the game of golf. On the 27th November, 1790, a bet on a match at golf between members stands recorded; after which bets on matches occur in numbers in the minutes, it being the custom that the proceeds of all bets and wagers on matches should go in liquidation of the dinner and wine bills of the Club.

There does not appear ever to have been any standing committee of the Knuckle Club, its affairs being looked after by a register, who was styled regist*rar* after the lapse of some years. His term of office was, in the early days of the Club, always limited to one year, but subsequently was continued for long periods.

In the year 1792 the Club provided itself with a gold medal, to be competed for annually by its members.* The course over which this Club played was the same as that used by the Blackheath Golf Club.

Gradually the mystic element in the Knuckle Club died away, and the golfing one more strongly asserted itself, until in November, 1825, the name of the Club was changed to that of the "Blackheath Winter Golf Club," the members in

* *Vide infra*, pages 23 and 24.

future to meet merely as golfers, all the insignia of the Knuckle Club being in course destroyed.

It is worthy of remark that the Knuckle Club never drew up, or settled for itself, any rules for the game of golf. Presumably all its members, limited as they were in numbers, knew the game well. If any point arose it was submitted to the members present on the day for decision.

The following are extracts from the Minutes of the Knuckle Club :—

Inside the front cover of the binding of the first Minute Book of the Knuckle Club, we find the following :—

Present.
Jas : Ferrier, *Chair*
Coll Turner
Walr. Colquhoun
Thos. Longlands
Rob. Edie

17 *January*, 1789.

Underneath there appears :—

By a vote of twelve Members 12 *November*, 1825, the first leaf of this Book containing the origin of the Club was ordered to be destroyed, and was burnt accordingly by Alexr. Innes.

Geo. Lindsay, *Regr.*

Four pages are wanting. The Regulations of the Club, commencing with the fifth page, being as follow :—

. . . . Register is to read or tell the story, instruct him in the sign, the order to be delivered him, and Then he is to be introduced to all the Members present.

7th. That we do continue to meet in the Knuckle Green Man Blackheath every Saturday until April next at the Meeting of the Golf Club, when the Members of the Knuckle will fix a proper day for their Meeting.

8th. That in honor of the Blackheath Golf Club (of which most of us are Members) we do make it a Rule that any Member thereof wishing to become a Knuckle be balloted for first Meeting at Club hours.

9th. That any person who wishes to become a Member of the Knuckle, and is not a Member of the Blackheath Golf Club, must dine with us one Saturday previous to being proposed.

10th. That no person shall be present while the Members are Balloting for him.

11th. That each Member may invite two friends on any club day, and to have it in his option to pay or not for them.

12th. That the Landlord do provide a dish of Soup and Knuckles (particularly Beef ones) for six Members at 1/6 per Head every Saturday at 4 o'clock, that money to be paid by the Register.

13th. That this Society do always adjourn at 6 o'clock at which time the Bill is to be called for.

14th. That 5 Members do constitute a Club and elect Members, &c.

15th. That no Member shall signify any kind of displeasure if the Gentleman he proposes shall be Blackball'd, and that he shall take no notice whatever thereof.

16th. That the duties of Chair and Deputy shall continue for one meeting only, and that previous to adjournment, the Deputy shall name his Successor who must accept, or give a satisfactory reason for his refusal.

17th. That no Member shall speak on matters relating to the Club longer than 5 minutes, during which time he is to hold the Knuckle in his right hand.

18th. That any Member attempting to speak (without the Knuckle in his right hand) on the business of the Club (except the Chair) shall be fined as the Chairman shall think fit.

19th. That we begin to Ballot for Members and do any other Business the Club may require immediately after drinking the third Bumper after dinner.

20th. That all visitors do withdraw during the new Members' initiation.

21st. That immediately upon the adjournment of the Club, each Member do deliver his ornaments into the hands of the Register, who is carefully to lock them up till following meeting.

22nd. That no Member shall be call'd to serve as Chair, Deputy or Register,

if he has served before in the Season, unless every Member present is in the same predicament with himself.

31*st January*, 1789. Mr. Longlands, *Chair*.

5 other Members present.

Resolved that the last minutes be confirmed. Eight new Members elected, four of whom were initiated.

(*Entry.*) Paid for ornaments . . £1 11 0

28*th February*, 1789.

Present: Knuckle Walker, *Chair;* and five other members.

Following motions moved and seconded for further regulations of the Club :—

23rd. That the number of this shall be limited to Thirty Members.

24th. That in future no Gentleman who shall be Balloted for, can be considered a Member, unless he appears at the Club the second meeting after, or assign a Reason satisfactory to the Society.

25th. That when a Member is proposed and seconded the Proposer or Seconder shall be present on the day of Balloting, or the Saturday following, and should neither of the Parties attend, the Gentleman proposed shall for that time be withdrawn, and before being Balloted for again, be regularly proposed and seconded, subject to the presence of the partys before mentioned.

26th. That no stranger who is not a member of the Golf Club, shall from this day be proposed a Member of the Knuckle for the season.

All the motions of this day carried Unanimously.

7*th March*, 1789.

Resolutions of the former meeting confirmed.

Resolved :—

27th. That Mr. Edie not having appeared as Chairman elected for this day, Mr. Turner to take the Chair—Mr. Alder Deputy.

The meeting appointed Mr. Alder to succeed as Chair next meeting, and to name his Deputy at next meeting when the Company shall assemble. This resolution to be a precedent.

14th November, 1789.

Resolved :—

28th. That any Member belonging to this Club residing in or near London, and not attending or assigning a sufficient reason for his absence on or before the 17th January next, being the anniversary of its institution, shall not thereafter be considered a Member, and shall be for ever excluded from becoming a Member or Visitor of the Club.

29th. That the Anniversary of the 17th January being the day of the Institution of this Club be held on every succeeding 17th January, if a Saturday, or if the 17th is on any other day in the week, the Anniversary be held on the Saturday following.

30th. That no Visitor shall appear in the Club above two Club days in the Season. Excepting Gentlemen from abroad, or whose general Residence is distant from London.

Resolved that at the ensuing Anniversary only the Members of the Club shall be present.

Resolved that the Register be directed to send to each Member of the Club, a copy of the first resolution of this day.

Limited number of Club full. Honorary Members elected, to come up for election in rotation.

31st. Resolved that during the Season of the Knuckle Club, Dinner be ordered to be on the Table punctually at ½ past 3 o'clock.

16th January, 1790.

Having taken into consideration the system to be followed on the 23rd, being our Anniversary. Resolved that the following Gentlemen form a Committee :—

Maxwell	Turner	Duff
Longlands	Edie	

the following Gentlemen as Stewards :—

Barnes and Pinkerton.

Ordered Mr. Walker to provide Dinner for Twenty Members @ six shillings each, including a dessert.

Dinner at a quarter past 4 o'clock precisely.

Resolved that the Committee be requested to order six dozen of Mr. Alder's very best Claret for the Anniversary, allowing Mr. Walker one shilling and six pence per bottle, in lieu of drinking his claret.

"*Green Man*" *Knuckle Anniversary, 23rd January*, 1790.

Present Diffell, Knuckle, and 15 other members.

Twenty-eighth Resolution put in force against two Members who had neither attended the Club nor apologised.

13*th February*, 1790.

A Bett.* Mr. Beatson betts Mr. Hamilton one dozen claret, that Alderman Watson, at the next Election does not come in for the City.

13*th November*, 1790.

Carried that if the Deputy Chair who succeeds to the Chair following Meeting, does not attend at that Meeting, without a satisfactory reason, he be fined one Gallon Claret.

27*th November*, 1790.

Mr. Hamilton betts Mr. Cleugh a Magnum of Claret that Lord Thurlow does not continue in his present high office one month from the meeting of Parliament after the Easter recess.

Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Longlands bett Mr. Graham and Mr. Edie one gallon of claret that they beat them next Saturday—4 rounds, and the holes out and in to be played.

Mr. Turner on the side of Hamilton
Mr. Cleugh on the side of Graham
a magnum of Claret.

18*th December*, 1790.

Carried, That in future every Member may be allowed to invite his friends on the Anniversary, the same as on any other day, and that this be a standing Rule.

8*th January*, 1791.

Requested that the Register will put the following advertisement in the *Times* and *Gazeteer* :—

KNUCKLE.—The Anniversary of this Club will be held at the Green Man, Blackheath, on Saturday, 22nd inst. Dinner at 4 o'clock.

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* Bets made in the Club went in discharge of the Wine Bill. In the minute of the next Meeting of the Knuckle, namely, that of the 20th February, 1790, a note appears, "10 bottles claret charged to the bett between Hamilton and Beatson," the other two bottles being charged to the same bet at the succeeding Meeting.

Anniversary, 22*nd January*, 1791.

Longlands, *Chair;* and 15 other members.

Mr. Turner betts Mr. Walker that he beats him three holes in 4 rounds, Mr. Walker giving him one stroke in each hole, for one gallon of claret.

29*th January*, 1791.

Mr. Hamilton Betts Mr. Ferrier one gallon of claret that he beats him in 3 rounds, playing with iron Clubs. Mr. Ferrier Betts the contrary.

5*th February*, 1791.

Mr. Duff Betts Mr. Longlands Three gallons of claret (being one dozen bottles) that Mr. Pitt was not Chancellor of the Exchequer in Lord Shelburne's Administration.

5*th March*, 1791.

Resolved that betts of a Gallon or Gallons of Claret are to be paid by a Guinea or Guineas.

12*th March*, 1791.

Mr. Jameson betts Mr. Edie one gallon of Claret Mr. Hamilton beats Capn. Morse four rounds at Golf on Blackheath. Mr. Hamilton to play with iron clubs, Capt. Morse as he pleases.

Mr. Gordon betts Mr. Barnes the same as Jameson 4 Rounds, out and in.

19*th March*, 1791.

Captain Hamilton betts Mr. Lawrie 1 gallon of Claret that to-day he holed the Ball in playing from Montague Corner to the Assembly Rooms hole at fewer strokes than Mr. Lawrie shall do, any day during this season. Mr. Hamilton declares he holed it at five strokes.

10*th March*, 1792.

A Motion was made by Mr. Longlands and seconded by Mr. Turner: That there be a Medal bought by this Club to be played for by the members of the Club the last day of the Knuckle Meeting every year, and the best player on that day is to receive the Medal and continue it, until it is won from him by a better player. The Motion was carried.

17*th March*, 1792.

Resolved: that an open Committee do meet to settle the form of a Medal, to be reported on the next Saturday, 24th instant.

24*th March*, 1792.

Mr. Duff reported that a Committee did meet according to the Resolution of the last Saturday, and did settle the form of a Medal to be played for by the Members of this Club, according to the Resolve of the 10th inst.

Mr. Charles Graham promised to see the same carried into execution.

31*st March*, 1792.

The Gold Medal was this day played for by the Members of the Club, and won by Mr. Thomas Longlands, being the best player of the day. He was presented with the Medal, &c., by the Grand Knuckle.

19*th January*, 1793.

Mr. Adam Gordon and Mr. Barnes having interrupted the Company a considerable time in disputing about Toasts, the Chairman was pleased to fine both those Gentlemen a Gallon of Claret each.

30*th March*, 1793.

The Gold Medal was this day played for, and won by Mr. Turner.

Resolved: That the Numbers of the Players for the Medal this day be inserted in the Minutes of the Club, and that in future the number of the Players be always recorded. Players this day :—

C. Turner	123
T. Longlands	130
A. Innes.	131

8*th March*, 1794.

The Chairman having proposed a Bumper to the health of Mr. Duff on his recent marriage, that gentleman, after making a genteel speech on the occassion, presented the Club with a gallon of Claret.

15*th March*, 1794.

As the day on which the Gold Medal is to be played for is now approaching it is ordered that the following advertisement be inserted in the *Times* and *Morning Chronicle*, viz. :—

KNUCKLE.

The Gold Medal given by this Club is to be played for at Blackheath on Saturday, the 29th inst., when and where the candidates for that honour are desired to appear on the ground at 12 o'clock precisely.

28*th March*, 1795.

Medal Day. It being stated to the Club that Mr. Innes, one of the Candidates for the Medal played for this day, lost his Ball, the opinion of the Club was desired whether the loss of the Ball put an end to the Candidate's chance for the honours of the day. The Club determined that it did.

26*th December*, 1795.

Moved and unanimously carried: That our Anniversary being on the 17th January, a period of the year when we invariably have bad weather, and succeeding so soon the Christmas holidays, it has been found that the attendance of Members cannot be had upon so necessary an occassion.

It is therefore moved that the Anniversary shall hereafter be fixed for the second Saturday in March in every year, and that the Gold Medal shall be played for on that day, which day we also fix for the appearance of such Members as have not been present during the former part of the season, according to our 28th Resolution under date 14th November, 1789.

12*th November*, 1796.

Mr. Graham moved and Mr. Cunningham seconded: That in addition to the annual subscription of 10/6 the sum in future shall be increased so much more as to make it equal to 1/– per day for each meeting of the season, and that every Member attending shall have a deduction of the like sum of 1/– from his proportion of the Bill to be paid by the Register.

24*th December*, 1796.

Very cold. Hard Frost and plenty of Snow.
Wind N.N.W.
to N.N.E.

Thermom. 4 below ⊖
at 12 o'clock p.m.

18*th March*, 1797.

N.B. In playing this day from the middle Hole to the Braehead Mr. Walker holed the Ball *in four strokes*. He was playing against Mr. Longlands and Mr. Lawrie.

Mr. Longlands this day holed the Ball at the long Hole in six strokes, and the wind N.E., stiff breeze.

27*th Jannary*, 1798.

Resolved that a Member excluded from non-attendance may be reinstated on a written apology.

31*st March*, 1798.

Resolved that the Register pay Donaldson his annual fee, £1 10*s*. 0*d*., for the care of the holes.

26*th January*, 1799.

Moved and seconded that whoever proposes a Gentleman to become a Member of this Club, shall be liable to pay the subscription of such new Member on his being elected. Confirmed.

1*st March*, 1800.

The following appears in the Minutes :—

List of the Members who paid their Subscriptions.	List of Members who have not paid their subscriptions to this day.
Mr. Alexr. Innes.	Mr. J. Lyon.
Mr. Wm. Wilson.	Mr. Wm. Hood.
Mr. Wm. Christie.	Mr. Wm. Hamilton.
Mr. K. Mackenzie.	Mr. T. Yuille.
Mr. Jas. Duff.	Mr. W. Falconer.
Mr. Rob. Duff.	Mr. W. Kynnier.
Mr. Chas. Graham.	Mr. W. Anderson.
Mr. David Hunter.	Mr. Jno. Mackenzie. (King's Arms Yard.)
Mr. T. Longlands.	Mr. J. Cleugh.
Mr. Peter Lawrie.	Mr. R. Edie.
Mr. John Walker.	30 Mr. T. Jameson.
Mr. Jas. Walker.	
Mr. Geo. Munro.	
Capt. Morse.	
Mr. J. Robertson.	
Mr. Hy. Callender.	
Mr. R. Mackellar.	
Mr. A. S. Gordon.	
Mr. John Mackenzie. (Bishopsgate Street.)	

14*th November*, 1801.

The birth of a son to brother Jno. McKenzie being communicated to the Club, a Gallon (a guinea) was presented by him on the occassion. The Lady and Younker's health drank in a brimmer.

12*th December*, 1801.

Mr. J. Gairdner was initiated. The day very cold. Mr. Turner administered the usual form, and brother Longlands told the story with great glee, and he equally excelled in delivering a neat and apposite eulogium to the memory of our departed brother William Hamilton, and it was recommended to the members to appear in mourning three Club days.

21*st January*, 1804.

Mr. James Walker presented the Club with a Gallon on the birth of a Daughter, when the Lady and the young Infidel's health were drank in a Bumper.

10*th March*, 1804.

Anniversary and Medal Day.

The following is a copy of the Report of the Scrutineers for the day, affixed to the leaf in the Minute Book :—

KNUCKLE, 10*th March*, 1804.

"The Scrutineers appointed to examine the Cards of the Gentlemen who played this day, after careful and impartial examination

"Report

"That Mr. Lawrie and Mr. Christie, after going three regular rounds, holed the Balls in the following number of strokes—

"Mr. Lawrie . . . 132 One hundred thirty two.
"Mr. Christie . . . 145 One hundred forty five.

"Another Card was presented to your Scrutineers, but it appearing that the Gentleman who played only went two Rounds, they cannot take any notice thereof."

(*Signed*) J. Duff
G. C. Ruperti } *Scrutineers.*
J. Thomson

15*th February*, 1806.

Mr. Longlands after a very neat and pathetic eulogium to the memory of our departed Brother Chas. Graham moved that the Members should appear in mourning three succeeding days which was unanimously agreed to.

15*th November*, 1806.

Brother Jas. Walker presented a Gallon on the Birth of a Son, and the Lady with the young Knuckler's Health was drank in a Bumper.

13*th December*, 1806.

Resolved That this Club do appear in mourning three successive Saturdays out of respect to the Memory of John Walker, and that notice be given to the subscribing Members.

12*th December*, 1807.

The Gentlemen present recommend that the Members of the Club appear in mourning three successive Saturdays in memory of our departed friend Henry Callender.

9*th Jauuary*, 1807.

It was announced to the Club that they had to lament a severe loss in the death of our brother Wm. Kynnier, and therefore desired that the Club appear in mourning the usual time.

30*th January*, 1808.

Moved and seconded that the dish of Knuckles shall be discontinued for one month, and thereafter, if not wished for, to the last Saturday in the Season.

16*th December*, 1809.

James Walker presented the Club with a Gallon on the birth of a Lass, and the health of the Lady was drank in a bumper.

5*th January*, 1811.

Bet. Capt. Simpson with Walker 2 guineas to 1 Crib shall beat Molineux when they next fight.

23*rd March*, 1811. *Anniversary.*

Play for the Medal—Thos. Longlands 136

Jas. Walker 134

Mr. Walker was installed with the Medal, and conducted to the Chair as Grand Knuckle for next year.

20*th February*, 1813.

Capt. Sturrock, who was proposed to become a Member as a brother Golfer, was elected, initiated, and passed in style, almost answering the sign and question.

18*th March*, 1815. *Anniversary.*

Col. Von Nordenfels was elected a Member. An Honorary Bone to be sent him.

16*th March*, 1816.

Anniversary and Medal Day. A. Innes, Winner, 123.

22*nd March*, 1817.

This being the day appointed for the Anniversary.

The Medal was played for by

Mr. Longlands in 153
„ Lindsay „ 145
„ Laing „ 124
„ A. Innes „ 124

The contest having been equal between the two latter Candidates, and Mr. Innes being in possession it was decided by the Club that he do retain the medal for another year. Mr. Longlands having stated a case in point, where the House of Lords (on an equality) would give no decision.

22*nd November*, 1817.

Mr. Lindsay took away a bone to be repaired and beautified, for the purpose of being transmitted to our brother Nordenfels, Governor of Wolfenbuttle.

20*th December*, 1817.

A production of our excellent, honored, and poetical brother Broughton, on the occassion of transmitting an honorary Knuckle to the Governor of Wolfenbuttle was read in the Club and deposited amongst the Archives.

Anniversary, 7*th March*, 1817.

The day proving so boisterous that it was impossible to Play, although several Gentlemen were ready to start, it was, on vote, determined that on Saturday the 21st the Medal should be played for, in case of bad weather, the Medal to be retained by the present possessor.

14*th November*, 1818.

Letters from Col. Nordenfels Governor of Wolfenbuttle to Mr. Ruperti, were read by the Deputy, and being highly satisfactory to the Club, it was proposed that they should remain in the Box amongst their records. Ordered accordingly.

9*th January*, 1819.

Mr. Lindsay offers a Gallon, that in an Exchequer Trial at Westminster the Jury finding for the Crown get a guinea, but finding for the subject get nothing. Mr. Ruperti takes the above for the honour of the Crown.

26*th February*, 1820.

Mr. Lindsay's Motion for "dispensing with the Ceremony of Initiation" was brought forward. On a show of Hands—4 for the Motion—4 against it.

11*th November*, 1820.

Mr. Finlayson noticed the death of our late worthy Register Lawrie, and Mr. Longlands, whose Remembrance was drank in silence.

On the motion of the Chair it was moved that the late Mr. Register Lawrie's situation should be filled up by our Friend Ruperti, who accepted of the Office.

Knuckle, 25*th November*, 1820.

The Register read a letter to the Chair received from our worthy Brother the Grand Knuckle Mr. Finlayson, announcing his being married this morning, and having sent 3 gallons of claret to the Club, to be drank in celebration of this most happy event. His and Mrs. Finlayson's Health, Happiness, and everything they can wish for, was drank with 3 times 3.

3*rd February*, 1821.

Mr. Robertson lays a Gallon with the Grand Knuckle that he will not keep the Medal next season.

17*th February*, 1821.

Mr. Fennell says no man can give him 6 holes in 3 rounds, and Mr. Cunningham says he will give him 6 holes in 3 rounds, which was accepted by Mr. Fennell.

Lost by Mr. Fennell, March 3rd, and spent in that day's Bill.

10*th November*, 1821.

Mr. Black, Senr., lays £1 0 0 against Mr. Finlayson. N.B. Mr. Black playing with an Iron Club, and getting ½ stroke each hole.

Lost by Mr. Finlayson, November 17th, and spent in that day's Bill.

It was unanimously carried, a Bett to be in future 1 Sovereign, instead of a Guinea, and the subscription to be £1 10 0 instead of £2 2 0.

17*th November*, 1821.

Mr. Black, Senr., was initiated and passed in great style.

24*th November*, 1821.

It was moved by Brother Lindsay, seconded by the Registrar Ruperti, "That on all future admissions of members, the Ceremony of Initiation be left to the Discretion of the Registrar. Every Gentleman being considered a constituted Member immediately after his approval by Ballot, which Motion having been put from the Chair was carried unanimously.

12*th January*, 1822.

Mr. Cunningham offers a bett of £1 0 0 against Mr. Lindsay. Mr. C. to play with an iron Club, and to be allowed a wooden Club in putting, and Mr. L. to give him one stroke each hole.

Lost by Mr. L., January 19th, and the £1 0 0 spent in that day's Bill.

23*rd February*, 1822.

N.B. Brother James Walker taking home with him the Order of the Club, was fined £1 0 0 which he paid March 2nd, and was spent in that day's Bill.

9*th March*, 1822. *Anniversary.*

Mr. Finlayson challenges Mr. Fennell that he will not go over the Green 3 rounds in 130 strokes.

Lost by Mr. Fennell March 16th, and £1 0 0 spent in that day's Bill.

7*th December*, 1822.

Mr. Black, Senr., lays a Gallon against Mr. James Stein that he will break a Broomstick suspended betwixt two bumpers of wine, without spilling the wine or breaking the glasses. Lost by Mr. James Stein, and the £1 0 0 spent in this day's Bill.

14*th December*, 1822.

Mr. Black, Senr., betts Mr. Lindsay a Gallon. Mr. Black playing with a Putter, and heavy Iron alone, against Mr. Lindsay with all his Clubs.

Lost by Mr. Lindsay, December 21st, and £1 0 0 spent in that Day's Bill.

28*th December*, 1822.

Moved and Seconded: "That in future this Club be called and known only by the name of the Winter Blackheath Golf Club. The Motion was lost.

Brother Croft having offered to present a new set of Ribbons, for the Insignia of the Club, and his proposal being unanimously approved of, the Registrar was requested to send all the Bones sealed up to Brother Croft's house, which was done accordingly.

4*th January*, 1823.

Mr. Croft brought this day to the Club, the Insignia very handsomely adorned with new Ribbons. Mr. Black, Senr., proposed a Bumper to be drank to the health of Mrs. Croft, and the ladies who assisted to put the ribbons on. It was drank unanimously.

1*st February*, 1823.

Brother Croft went out of the room with the Knuckle on his coat, was fined £1 0 0, but excused to pay the fine by the brothers present.

24*th January*, 1824.

Mr. Sim challenges Mr. Fennell for a Gallon. 3 rounds, short holes, with iron Clubs only.

Mr. Lindsay challenges Mr. Fennell for a Gallon, that in the above Match, neither Party holes in 130 strokes.

Lost by Mr. Lindsay.

31*st January*, 1824.

Received for bets . . . . £5 0 0.

As the Bill of this day did come only to £5 0 6 these five sovereigns were sufficient to answer the Bill, and the Registrar therefore did not collect any money from the Company present.

21*st February*, 1824.

Brother Finlayson presented the Club with a Gallon on the birth of a son, and Mrs. Finlayson's, with the young Knuckle's health, was drank in a bumper.

It was agreed unanimously not to accept Mr. Finlayson's offer to pay this Season's Subscription, having been deprived of attending by the very great misfortune he met with of losing one of his feet, being thrown off the stage, through the carelessness and obstinacy of a Greenwich Stage Coach Driver.

13*th November*, 1824.

The Registrar, Brother Ruperti, found, on inspection, there were only

Common Glasses	21
Claret do.	18
Quart Decanters	3
Rummers	6

He presented for the acceptance of the Club, 24 Common Wine Glasses, 6 Rummers, and 3 Quart Decanters, which was accepted by the Club, and his health was drank with thanks.

18*th December*, 1824.

Dr. Boxill was this day initiated and passed in great style.

It was moved by Mr. Lindsay, and seconded by Mr. Ruperti, that the thanks of the Knuckle be returned to the Captain and Secretary of the Thistle Club for their kind attention in transmitting three copies of their Rules, and that the same be signed by the Grand Knuckle and Registrar.

12*th March*, 1825.

Anniversary and Medal Day.

Messrs. Cunningham and Black, Senior, equal—125.

The Scrutineers left it to the members present to decide who was to hold the Medal for next Season. The contest having been even between Brothers Black, Senior, and our present Grand Knuckle brother Cunningham, it was unanimously decided and declared, Brother Cunningham had the Honor to retain the Golden Medal for another year as Grand Knuckle, and he was, for the fifth time, installed accordingly.

12*th November*, 1825.

A letter was read from our brother Ruperti resigning his office of Registrar, which was reluctantly accepted. Mr. Innes then moved that Mr. Lindsay be requested to fill the vacant office, which was seconded by Mr. Fennell, and carried by acclamation, and his health was drank with all the honors.

Mr. Lindsay after thanking his brother Knucklers for his handsome nomination, and remarking that he considered the time had arrived when his motion of the 28th December 1822, might be put without giving offence to, or hurting the feelings of anyone, was called upon to put it forthwith.

He therefore at once moved—

"That in future this Club be called and known only by the name of the Blackheath Winter Golf Club."

The Motion was carried. Lindsay, Innes, Boxill, Fennell, Masson, Sim, Robertson, Hastie, Black, and R. Stein (10) voting for it, and James Stein against. All the insignia of the Knuckle Club were in course done away with. The Members in future to meet merely as Golfers.

RELICS OF "THE KNUCKLE."

PART III.

THE BLACKHEATH WINTER GOLF CLUB.

UNDER the above new name, this Club pursued the tenor of its way, following the customs of the Knuckle Club in the latter days of its existence, shorn, however, entirely of those esoteric mysteries, the observance of which the members of the Knuckle had shown a steadily growing disposition to neglect as the years went on.

The membership of the Winter Golf Club was never large, and the attendance at the weekly dinners becoming thin, monthly dinners were substituted in their place.

Like the Knuckle Club, the Blackheath Winter Golf Club had no Code of Laws of the Game of its own. Its members played over the same course as the Blackheath Golf Club, and, at the suggestion of that Club, they first ventured (in March, 1843) on the experiment of competing for their medal over a seven-hole in the place of a five-hole course.

The end of the Club, so far as we can judge from the records, came suddenly. Possibly the members had the object in view of getting one golf club only at Blackheath for the

whole year round. We find nothing to show that this was so. The Registrar announces at a meeting that the Club is in debt, to no very large amount, and expresses a wish to resign his office. At the next meeting, on the 10th February, 1844, it is proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the Club be dissolved, also that its medal—the old medal of the Knuckle Club—be presented to the Blackheath Golf Club.

The history of the Blackheath Winter Golf Club, throughout its existence, may be fairly gathered from the following extracts from the minutes :—

12th November, 1825.

Mr. Cunningham proposed Mr. Alexr. Dobie to be a Member of the Club ; seconded by Mr. Innes. Being a Member of our parent Society (the Golf Club of Blackheath) he was balloted for and duly elected and his health drank as the first member of the Club.

4th February, 1826.

A very nice Turtle presented to the Club at this unusual season by Mr. Masson, whose health would not allow of his partaking of it. We wished him better with many thanks, and drank to him with all the honors.

The Secretary mentioned having met the late Knuckle Registrar, who pressed his annual subscription, and moved that out of sincere respect to his character and rectitude, for long and zealous services, Mr. Ruperti be enrolled as Honorary Member of the Club, which being seconded by Mr. Innes, was unanimously carried, and his good health was drank with every honor.

25th March, 1826.

Mr. Dobie, seconded by Mr. Fennell, moved that the Medal Holder do take the Chair on the Anniversary, on the first Meeting, and on the last Meeting each Season.

Mr. Robertson, seconded by the Secretary, moved an amendment—That the

Medal Holder have no privilige, but that the Chair, on every occassion, be taken regularly from Screw.

The amendment was put and lost.

The original motion was then put and carried.

15*th December*, 1827.

Mr. Lindsay resigned the office of Registrar, and Mr. John Masson was elected to it.

16*th January*, 1830.

The Members of the Club having been summoned for to-day were taken by surprise at the announcement of the Registrar's (Mr. John Masson) marriage that morning. His Bride presented to the Club a dozen of Champagne upon the occassion, and the Registrar gave the customary donation of a dozen of Claret. Their healths were drank with the most cordial good wishes. Mr. James Gordon Duff conformed to the same good old Rule by presenting one dozen of Claret upon the occassion of his Marriage, and the healths of him and his Bride were drank with enthusiasm.

27*th March*, 1830.

Received from Mr. Dobie 20/– on the occassion of the birth of a daughter. The health of the young Christian was drank with all the honors.

The donations and betts which the Club received this day were unprecedently large, say £34 (including a principal one from Mr. Sutherland on the identity of the Rev. E. Irving). It was moved by Archibald Hastie, after hearing from the Registrar that the finances of the Club were in a flourishing condition, and seconded by the Medal Holder, that out of, and as a mark of respect to Mr. Charles Sutherland, the Club do give him and his friends a dinner at the Crown and Sceptre, Greenwich, on Thursday next by way of a Supplemental Meeting which was carried *nem. con.*

The Resolution was termed by the Attorney,* and Solicitor-General,† a Codicil to the Will of the expiring Winter Season.

Supplemental Meeting of Season. Held at the "Crown and Sceptre," Greenwich, 1st April, 1830.

Mr. Flemyng appeared on the heath, and played his match with Mr. A. Hastie, each with one hand only, which he won.

* Alex. Dobie, Esq. † James Gordon Duff, Esq.

The party sat down to a most excellent dinner provided by Mr. Lovegrove, and spent a most pleasant evening, having no other regret than that so few of the members of the Club and Visitors were present.

Happy to meet, Sorry to part, and Happy to meet again, closed this pleasant season.

13*th November*, 1830.

The Registrar commenced his duties of the Season by presenting a Sovereign on the birth of a daughter on the 9th November, when the health and prosperity of the young damsel was drank with all the honors.

15*th January*, 1831.

Mr. James Brodie Gordon was balloted for and duly elected, elevated accordingly to the office of "Boots."

29*th January*, 1831.

A discussion arose this evening upon the advantage of the Golfers having a house of their own, and it was the unanimous sense of those present, that the subject was worthy of serious consideration on the score of greater economy, and with a view to being brought under the consideration of the Parent Club in Summer.

12*th March*, 1831. *Medal Day.*

The Tent of the Golf Club was lent to us, and pitched near the first hole on the Green, for the accomodation of the Scrutineers and Visitors.

Cunningham and Dunbar each 121.

The Scrutineers having noticed on the Green that the two latter came in at the same number, ordered them to play another half round, to which

Dunbar took 25

Cunningham 19

Whereupon Mr. Cunningham declared the winner.

26*th March*, 1831.

It being desirable at all times to have the bets of the Club decided as speedily as possible, the Registrar attracts the notice of members of the Club to the Ancient Rule—That every member on the Green by one, in uniform is deemed and held to be in good Feather, and betts on play be therefore taken as they stand in priority in the Bett Book, without excuse. Play or Pay.

As the Parties immediately interested in a bett concerning the age of John Cain Hobhouse, M.P. for the City of Westminster, were extremely tardy in producing proof. The Registrar took the liberty of writing to Mr. Hobhouse to ascertain the fact, and he this day received an answer. The novelty of this mode of arriving at proof, produced for the Club, on the spur of the moment, another bet on Mr. Hobhouse's age between Mr. Lewis and Mr. Robertson, when the Registrar read a copy of his letter to Mr. Hobhouse, and the reply of that Honble. Gentleman.

Resolved, That Copies of the letters be inserted in the Minutes.

Lime Street Square,
21 *March*, 1831.

John Cain Hobhouse, Esq., M P.
21 Charles Street,
Berkeley Square.

Sir,

The only apology or explanation I can give for my present (for so I fear it may be deemed) impertinent intrusion, is by informing you that I have the honor, or rather bear the burthen, of discharging the duty of Registrar of the Blackheath Winter Golf Club, composed chiefly of Scotchmen, who are fully as headstrong and obstinate as their forefathers were. A dispute has arisen concerning your age, as the contemporary of the immortal Byron, and, as a natural consequence, the solution is a matter of some importance. Our Committee of Ways and Means will be placed in a sort of dilemma if I do not ascertain this fact on or before next Saturday, on which day the Winter Golf Club will cease, and the Summer one commence.

You will, I hope, take a compassionate view of this interrogatory. You are too much of a Public Character to take offence at being asked such a question, and I hope I may stand acquitted of presumption in soliciting to learn from yourself how old you are, as the official organ of a Society which has kept together, notwithstanding all intervening convulsions, for nearly a century to perpetuate the National Game, as well as the Social customs, of their Ancestors. Your obliging answer may either be directed to me here, or at the Green Man, Blackheath, where the Club dine every Saturday throughout the year.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obdt. hble. Servt.,
John Masson,
Registrar.

21 Charles Street,
25*th March*, 1831.

Mr. John Masson,
Lime Street Square.

Sir,

In reply to your note I have to inform you that on the 27th of next June, I shall no longer be liable to serve in the Militia. This is the only advantage I shall derive from having been born so very long ago.

Your enquiry needs no apology, and I am
Very much your servant,
John C. Hobhouse.

The politeness and urbanity of Mr. Hobhouse on this occasion called forth the unanimous thanks of the Club, and his health was drank with all the honors.

17*th November*, 1832.

The Club this day decided that the charge for Beer to men should be discontinued, and leave every member to pay his College man beer or not.

9*th March*, 1832.

After Club hours last Saturday Mr. Dobie called to communicate the death of our esteemed newly elected member Mr. James Nisbet that evening (having survived his wife only a few days), the Registrar therefore took upon himself to postpone the play for the Medal until Saturday, the 23rd March. This day the funeral of the remains of Mr. and Mrs. Nisbet took place, and out of respect to their memory the Golfers simultaneously avoided play this day.

It was moved and seconded that the Medal Holder, Mr. A. Hastie, having taken the Medal away with him last Saturday, and the same being this day not forthcoming, be now fined a gallon.

Motion carried. 20/- paid by the Medal Holder instanter.

15*th November*, 1834.

The Health of Dr. Charles Ferrier was drank with all the honors, and he received the cordial congratulations of this Club upon his appointments in the Military Service of the Honble. E. I. Company. A profitable Soujourn in that climate and safe return, after his completion of service, with a sound constitution, was most cordially wished by all present.

27*th December*, 1834.

A discussion arose on the play of matches giving the odds of a certain No. of holes, and it was recommended that the Golf Club should frame a decisive rule to meet the possible case of Parties coming in at the precise odds given, and that it should be held that the Party giving odds should come in higher than such odds, else he loses.

It was moved by Mr. Lindsay, and seconded by Mr. Willis, that in the meantime this Rule shall be the Law of the Winter Golf Club.

21*st March*, 1835.

Present :—A. Dobie, *Chair.*
Willis, *Deputy.*
Masson, *Regr.*

An Apology accepted from Mr. Dunbar. The Company this day was not numerous, but officially select.

The Healths of those who survive, and the immortal Memory of those who fell at Alexandria, on this memorable day, was drank with truly patriotic sincerity and adoration.

14*th November*, 1838.

Mr. Masson moved that the Meetings of this Club be hereafter held monthly, and that the 2nd Saturdays in each month be the days of meeting.

Seconded by Capt. Cameron and carried unanimously.

20*th March*, 1840.

Capt. Cameron, Chair, and 5 other members present. The thinness of the attendance this day arose from a belief that there was to be no 2nd dinner in March. Those present desired to record their conviction that the plan of monthly meetings for this Club, now fairly tried for two seasons, will conduce greatly to the permanent advantage of the Club. The healths of the officers were drank, and thus terminated another pleasant season in the annals of Golfing.

VIVAT REGINA.

Prince Albert having sent no Gallon on the occassion of his marriage—No Record.

10*th December*, 1842.

The Secretary of the Bombay Golf Club inviting a deputation of the Blackheath Golfers to visit that Presidency on Golfing Ground. Prosperity to the Bombay Golf Club was drank with all the honors.

15*th February*, 1843.

It was moved and carried that the Winter Medal be played for over the Hazard Course this season.

It was then moved and carried that the Winter Medal be played for on the second Saturday in March, and that the Registrar intimate that the play shall be in accordance with the Laws of the Game of the Blackheath Golf Club, and advertise the same as usual.

11*th March*, 1843.*

This day a strong muster assembled to play for the Medal. The weather was extremely favourable. The Hazards beautifully interesting, from the fulness of all of water.

The result of the Play, as reported after the examination of the Scrutineers, was reported by the Registrar—

Black Tertius	272
Masson	252
Ross	240
Hall	228
Sutherland	205
Johnston	204
F. Grant	193
Capt. Dalrymple	185
Sir H. Campbell, Bart.	183
D. Dunbar	180
Honble. Fox Maule	175

Whereupon the Honble. Fox Maule was declared the Winner, and his health was drank with all the Honors. Great regret being expressed at his absence, and that his afternoon services should be needed by the Kirk o' Scotland.

* The Medal was this day contended for over a course of 21 holes, instead of 15, as heretofore.

25th March, 1843.

The Club was this day supplied most liberally with Champagne and Claret by Mr. Sutherland. The health of the young Golferess Barbara Sutherland was drank with all the honors. The health of Robert Sutherland the young Golfer was drank with all the honors, and the like compliment paid to the provident Lady Mrs. Sutherland, and an ardent hope expressed that the Lady of every Golfer would imitate so good an example. Thus closed another prolific season in the annals of Winter Golfing.

11th November, 1843.

The Registrar exhibited the accounts of the Club, this being the first meeting, shewing the Club to be in debt the sum of £39 9*s.* 3*d.*, say thirty nine pounds nine shillings and three pence, and expressed an ardent hope that the Club would relieve him from the onerous duties of Registrar. He likewise delivered in a statement of the arrears due to this Club, with other information. Mr. Masson and Mr. Lindsay then each paid their subscription of £1 10*s.* 0*d.* each.

10th February, 1844.

The Meetings having been postponed until to-day, the Minutes of the last Meeting as well as the Account Current of the Club being read.

It was proposed by Mr. Grant and seconded by Mr. Sutherland that it is expedient that this the Winter Golf Club be dissolved from this day. Which motion was carried.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that the Medal of this Club be presented to the Blackheath Golf Club.

It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the thanks of this Club are due and offered to Mr. George Lindsay, the oldest member, for his constant and unremitting attention to the interests of this Club.

It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously that the offer of Francis Grant, Esq., to collect the outstanding arrears due to the Club, to apply the same to the payment of the debt due by the Club, and to call from individual members contributions pro rata, to make up any deficiency, be accepted.

It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the Subscriptions paid for the present season be returned to the Members who have paid the same.

It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the thanks of this

Club are due and are now tendered to the Registrar for the faithful discharge of his duties.

The Registrar returned the subscriptions, which had been paid accordingly. He also paid to Sexton Holemaker ten shillings, being his allowance for making holes this season.

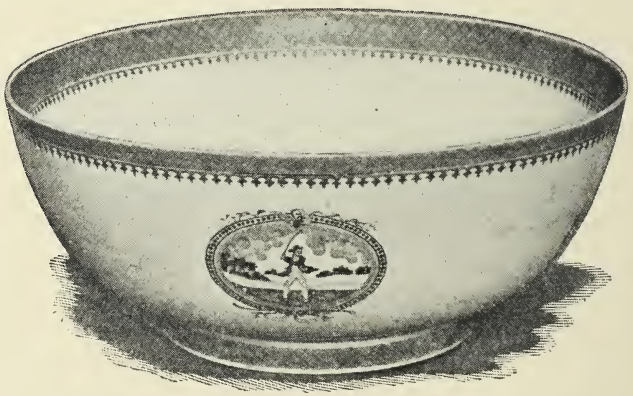
The proceedings in the way of business thus terminated, when the following members adjourned to dinner, viz. :—

George Lindsay, W. Parker,
Francis Grant, G. Johnstone,

and

J. Masson, *Registrar*,
Visitor, Mr. Buckle,

and closed the evening in the usual social manner observed in all Golfing Societies.



OLD PUNCH BOWL.

OLD CLUBS OF THE BEGINNING OF THE CENTURY.

(See note on opposite page.)

PART IV.

THE

BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB FROM 1800 TO 1843.

TO resume our chronicle of the Blackheath Golf Club, from the point we left it at the end of Part I. From the 5th April, 1800, to the present day carefully kept minutes of the proceedings of the Club are in evidence. It is proposed in this part to deal with the period ending with A.D. 1843, the year following which was the beginning of a new era in the history of the Club, as will subsequently appear.

The minutes during the period before us differ from those of most of the earlier Scottish Golfing Societies in that they are not signed by the chairman or secretary, although they are all in the handwriting of the latter officer.* They record

* The secretary was, of course, an honorary secretary, although not so styled in the minutes. The idea of a paid secretary would never have occurred to the golfers of those days.

NOTE.—The old clubs portrayed opposite form an interesting collection. The wooden putter belonged to Mr. John Home, the author of "Douglas" (see page 90). We have no information as to by what defunct golfers the other clubs were wielded. The varieties of form exhibited by the iron clubs contain the germs of several modern patents. The centre iron club must have been used by some son of Anak, the length of this club being just four feet. The lower of the two feather balls attached to the shaft of the iron last referred to is of the respectable age of 179 years.

the chairman of the day, the names of all the other members, and of any visitors who might be present, together with a note of all the doings of the Society, on the green and in the club room.

The proceedings of the Club may be thus summarised. The members met for play every Saturday,* from the first Saturday in April to the first Saturday in November, concluding the day by dining together at the Green Man Hotel. Any business of the Club being disposed of after dinner, when new candidates for admission were balloted for, it being a rule that every candidate must dine with the Club previously to being proposed.†

The hospitality of the Club was generally extended to their friends at the dinners, at almost all of which some visitors are recorded as having been present. The Club sat down to dine at the early hour of four o'clock. Except on rare occasions, they adjourned equally early; indeed, they got through the dinner, the drinking of toasts—and not a few either—together with the Club business, and the making of sundry bets, all for the good and behoof of the Society, in what must be considered a short time; the fact of the great majority of the members having to return to town by coach perhaps accounting for this.

* After the 8th May, 1841, the meetings were monthly—the first Saturday in the month.

† *Vide* Regulations of the Club, revised in 1823. *Infra*, p. 199.

The captain, or chairman of the Club—and the titles may be taken as synonymous—took the chair at the dinners, and in the event of his absence a chairman was elected by those present. A member was always elected by the company to serve as deputy-chairman, or "screw," at the next dinner, and should he make default in appearing or sending an acceptable apology, he was fined in a gallon of claret, or, what was held to be its equivalent, a guinea. A like fine was also imposed for various breaches of etiquette, such as a medal winner not staying to be decorated with the medal after his win, or appearing in the Club without his medal while he remained holder. On the marriage of a member he was expected to present the Club with a gallon of claret, *alias* a guinea; and the same was expected from any member to whom a child was born. The dinner and wine bills of the Club were mainly met out of these fines and presentation gallons or guineas, and also from the bets made on Club days, on the green and in the house, the amount of which was paid by the losers to the secretary for the good of the Club. We shall continue to give instances of bets made, and it may be observed that bets on extraneous subjects continued to grow rarer, until we find all bets confined entirely to the result of matches and medal play.

For some time there was considerable vacillation as to the mode in which the question as to who should be captain or chairman of the Club for the year was to be decided. In the year 1800 two gentlemen were put in nomination by the

Society to play for the silver club, and the victor installed in the chair. From 1801 to 1807 inclusive, the chairman took the chair in compliance with the expressed wishes of the members. From 1808 to 1822, the play for the silver club decided the captaincy, the winner taking the chair; and after the year last named the captain was elected each year by the votes of the members, which custom has prevailed up to the present day.

When it was decided that the captain should be elected annually, the Society voted a gold medal* to be played for once a year by the members, and the play for the silver club ceased.

A medal holder during this period was treated with more reverence than is accorded to one in the present generation. For instance, Mr. Dunbar won this summer medal in the year 1839. In 1840 he tied for the same medal with Mr. G. G. Anderson. "Who won when they played off the tie?" would probably be asked now-a-days. This was not the view then taken of it. Mr. Medal-Holder Dunbar had not been beaten, therefore he retained the medal.† *Beati possidentes!*

It was the laudable custom of Blackheath golfers of the day, to frequently present the Club with a *pièce de résistance*

* *Vide infra*, page 81. This is the present Blackheath summer medal.

† The same view was taken in the Knuckle Club, *vide supra*, page 29, minute of 22nd March, 1817; also page 33, minute of 12th March, 1825. In 1834 Medal Holder Hastie waived his privilege in this Club, *vide* page 100. In this case Mr. Dunbar happened to be the other party concerned.

for the weekly dinners, and the minutes record venison, and turtles galore as thus presented. In the extracts from the earlier minutes, which, with the view to showing the customs of the Club in the first quarter of the century, are made pretty copiously, there is perhaps too much turtle. Let us hope there is just turtle enough, as after the year 1825 only a few of the Turtle Dinners are referred to in our extracts. As a matter of fact, the number of turtles presented fell off considerably in the "thirties," and in the "forties" they were comparatively few and far between.

During the whole of the period dealt with in this part, the Club played over the same course as they did at the end of the last century, the five-hole one. The period throughout was a feather-ball one. In this last connection a bet of the 26th June, 1813, acquires additional interest. Mr. Laing bets that in the course of the season he will drive a ball 500 feet, he having the chance of ten strokes to accomplish it. Mr. Laing, in 1818, some five years afterwards certainly, won both the Medal of the Knuckle Club and the Silver Club of the Blackheath Golfers, so that he may be taken as above the average of players, and the bet looked upon as some criterion of what was considered at that time a good drive with the old feather ball.

For the Rules of the Game, the Club had its own printed Code, which was revised in 1828; it also passed resolutions from time to time at meetings dealing with certain points of

the game, but the observance of many of these resolutions appears to have been short lived. In addition, a sort of common law, *a lex non scripta*, of Golf was recognised. For if a thorny question arose relative to play it was brought before the members present, as judges, and they, out of their inner golfing consciousness, evolved a solution, and laid down the law to be borne in mind on the next revision of the written rules.

Evidence is found in the minutes that about the year 1830 the members were becoming alive to the desirability of having a Club House of their own. No actual step, however, was taken in this direction until 1843, when the house No. 3, College Place, Royal Hill, was taken as a temporary golf house for six months, at a rent of £15 for the half-year. Brand was also engaged about this time as Club servant, and to look after the clubs, &c. Previously, club makers had been retained by the Society, as appears from the minutes—Donaldson, Ballantyne, Cockburn, Poke, Beetson, and Archd. Sharpe in order of date as named.

During this period the Blackheath Golfers had their clubs carried by pensioners of the Royal Naval Hospital, Greenwich. An allowance of beer was made to these men by the Golf Club, as appears from the entries in the accounts up to 1832, wherein they are referred to as College men. After that date these allowances ceased.*

* *Vide* Minute of Winter Golf Club, 17th November, 1832, p. 40, *sup.*

About the same time the entries commence of payments to "Greenwich men" of 5*s.* on the Medal Days, this being the beginning of the practice, which has held ever since, of the employment by the Club of a man at each hole, who had charge of the flag and the green while the play for the medal was proceeding. At this date—1832—the holes were, as above mentioned, five in number, and each custodian received one shilling from the Club, which explains the entries in the accounts.

Greenwich Hospital was closed, and the last pensioner vanished in 1869. The presence of these men in their old-fashioned uniform, at the greens, and acting as carriers, lent a picturesqueness to the Course on a Medal Day which modern times lack. We are, however, looking forward somewhat. Proceeding to the minutes of the period, we have:—

First Meeting, 1800.
5th April. Mr. Longlands, *Chair.*

28th June, 1800. Mr. Longlands, *Chair.*

Mr. Longlands having requested to be relieved from the duties of the Chair, which he had filled beyond the usual period, viz: from 25th August, 1798. It was agreed that John Boyd and Thomas Yuille, Esqs. be put in nomination to play for the Club on Saturday next, the 5th July.

N.B.—The utmost Economy to be observed in ordering the Dinner, the Club being considerably in arrears.

Anniversary, *5th July*, 1800. Mr. Longlands, *Chair.*

Mr. Boyd was inducted with the usual ceremonies, and when in the Chair thank'd the Club for the Honor they had done him in an appropriate speech, &c., &c.

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9th August, 1800. Mr. Longlands, *pro Chair.*

Mr. Callender having taken the keys of the Golf Box to Ramah Droog Castle, Capt. Longlands desires notice to be taken of the same, and as "wine does wonders," a Gallon of course follows.

1st November, 1800. Mr. Boyd, *Chair.*

* Donaldson's Bill for Hole-making £3 4*s.* 6*d.* allowed, and the Secretary desired to discharge the same.

It was moved. That the usual allowance to Donaldson be continued to him, and paid by the Secretary in the way most likely to produce (*sic*) the benevolent intentions of the Club.

Adjourned to the first Saturday in April, 1801. The Meeting to be given notice of by advertisement.

First Meeting, 1801.

4th April. Mr. Boyd, *Chair.*

Mr. Walker † having represented to the Club that from the excessive high price of every species of Provision, he was unable to give such a dinner as he could wish, or they expect, without some additional allowance, it was resolved that till further orders Dinner be provided for Twelve at Four Shillings a head, and to defray the expense of which half a guinea additional be paid by every member, making the annual subscription Two Guineas and a half, which was confirmed and ordered accordingly.

27th June, 1801. Mr. Boyd, *Chair.*

Mr. Boyd gave notice that he would leave the Chair on the 4th ensuing July, and he meant on that day to give the Clnb venison—a couple of haunches.

4th July, 1801. Mr. Boyd, *Chair.*

In compliance with the wishes of the Club, Mr. Callender took the Chair, and Mr. Innes was requested to accept the office of Secretary. Mr. Boyd, upon his Health being drank for past services, with 3 times 3, returned thanks in a neat, energetic and impressive speech ; expressive of the many civilities he had experienced whilst in the Chair. The usual Healths and Toasts went ronnd, and the day concluded with great conviviality.

* The Club Maker. † Landlord of the Green Man Hotel.

18*th July*, 1801. Mr. Callender, *Chair*.

Mrs. Hunter of a son. Drank to her and the young Laird. Of course a gallon expected.

25*th July*, 1801. Mr. Callender, *Chair*.

A Turtle, presented to the Club by Mr. Christie—whose Health was drank in a Bumper with 3 times 3.

1*st August*, 1801. Mr. Callender, *Chair*.

Mr. Hunter paid his gallon—1 guinea.

22*nd August*, 1801. Mr. Callender, *Chair*.

A letter was read from Mr. Jno. Henderson enclosing a draft for £50 in lieu of his arrears. An answer was desired to be returned by the Chair, and his health was drank with 3 times 3.

29*th August*, 1801. Mr. Callender, *Chair*.

Mr. Longlands moved that Mr. Henderson's letter and the answer now read, written by Mr. Callender in the name of the Society, should be entered on the minutes of the Club, which motion being duly seconded, was carried by a considerable majority. Mr. Longlands further moved that Mr. Henderson shall stand enrolled a perpetual Member of the Club, in compliance with the wish expressed in his letter, which was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Henderson's letter to Mr. Callender.

MITRE COURT,
22*nd August*, 1801.

SIR,

According to promise I send herewith a Draft for £50, in hopes that the Gentlemen of the Golf Club will accept of it in compensation of my arrears.

My present residence prevents me from being often at Blackheath, but I shall esteem it an Honor if the Gentlemen will permit my name to be enrolled as a Member of the Club. With esteem and regard,

I am, Sir,
Your mo. obt. humbl. Servt.,
JOHN HENDERSON.

Answer.

London,
24th August, 1801.

Dear Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your very polite letter, dated 22nd inst., containing a Draft upon your Bankers for Fifty pounds, in compensation, you say, of your arrears ; and moreover requesting that your name may be permitted to remain enrolled as a member of the Society.

I lost no time in making the regular communication to the Club, and it is with real pleasure I have received their commands to convey to you the high sense they entertain of your liberality and more than ample generosity. They are sensible that this mark of munificence arises from the affection and regard you have always expressed for the Society, of which it is with infinite satisfaction I have to acquaint you that by an unanimous resolution your name stands enrolled a perpetual member.

I am further desired to state that no demand or claim whatever beyond the subscription of the present year was deemed necessary upon this occasion.

I have only now, my dear Sir, to mingle my personal congratulations with those of all your other friends in the Society, and to say, in the words of the Golf Poet, that whenever your avocations or pleasurable leisure hours will permit you to participate in our favorite exercise, may

"Your Balls, as they fly and whiz through the air,
Knock down the blue devils, dull sorrows and care.
May your health be preserved, with strength active and bold,
and may you
Long traverse the green, and forget to grow old,"

is the unfeigned wish of

Your sincere friend
and most obedient, humble servant,

John Henderson, Esq. Henry Callender.

12th September, 1801. Mr. Callender, *Chair*.

A Turtle, dressed : given to the Club by Mr. Turner, whose health was drank with three times three.

7th November, 1801. Mr. Callender, *Chair*.

It being the last meeting of the Club for the season, it was moved : That the usual allowance of Fifteen Guineas be paid to Donaldson as the Chair shall direct, and that the further sum of three pounds five shillings and sixpence be

paid him for making the holes upon the green and for painting the flag staves and repairing the flags.

Previous Meeting, London, 31st March, 1802.

1st. It was stated that of late years frequent instances had occurred of members absenting themselves from the Club for one, two, or more years, without assigning any reason or signifying whether it arose from necessity or otherwise, and neglecting to pay the annual subscription. *Resolved:* That in future every member coming into this Predicament shall only be re-admitted upon the footing of a new member, and paying the admission money accordingly.

2nd. It was stated that in more instances than one members had been proposed to the Club, and, although strongly recommended, yet after being duly admitted had not appeared again in the Society nor the admission money paid.

Resolved: That every member proposing or seconding any gentleman to become a member shall be liable and responsible for his fund fees, and, to prevent any complaint upon this score in future, such admission fine shall be collected the day of the Ballot, or as soon after as possible.

Resolved: That in future the Chairman shall take precedence for the year commencing from the first meeting, or as soon after as the arrangements for the chair can take place, as also the Secretary and the other official authorities.

Resolved: That these resolutions be laid before the Society at their meeting on Saturday next, being the first Club day of the season.

3rd April, 1802. Mr. Callender, *Chair.*

Mr. Walker was unanimously called upon to take the chair, which he did accordingly, expressing his acknowledgments for the honor done him in a very strong, energetic, and feeling manner.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read twice and approved of.

17th April, 1802. Mr. Walker, *Chair.*

The Chairman signed an order to Mr. Ellison to deliver up the Golf Tent to Mr. Walker (Landlord of the Hotel), and to bring in a Bill for the expense of keeping.

1st May, 1802.

Mr. Longlands bets (a Guinea—a Gallon) Mr. Walker, that he beats him in 3 rounds, and in the event of coming in equal another hole to decide.

Played for Wednesday 5th May, and came in equal. Upon playing the additional hole Mr. Walker won.

N.B.—It is to be understood in future that in the event of coming in equal, the playing is to continue till it is decided by becoming odd.

8th May, 1802.

A Match. Mr. Welladvice against Mr. Boog—3 rounds, out and in holes—and, in the event of coming in equal, to play to Montague Corner and back till it becomes odd.

THE FIELD MARSHAL'S MEDAL.

5th June, 1802.

It was agreed that the Bets laid in the Club shall in future be applied to the diminution of the Bill of the day.

10th July, 1802. Mr. Walker, *Chair*.

It was observed by the Chairman that a heavy expense was daily incurred by the Club from Madeira Wine being drank during dinner. Ordered that in future Sherry be put upon the Table, but should any gentleman prefer drinking white wine after dinner, then Madeira may be called for.

14th August, 1802. Mr. Walker, *Chair*.

Mr. Walker paid his nuptial Gallon.

18th September, 1802.

Mr. Gairdner lays a Gallon (a Guinea) upon Mr. Lawrie's head that upon the play between Innes and Lawrie the latter shall be the Winner.

Mr. Ruperti says the contrary.

2nd October, 1802. Mr. Walker, *Chair*.

It was moved that the Gold Medal prepared and designed by Mr. Longlands should be presented to the Field Marshal Walker as a Testimony of the Club's approbation of his long and meritorious services, that he be forthwith invested with the same, and requested to wear it at all times in the Club. The ceremony

of investiture was performed, and Mr. Walker in the most polite terms, thanked the Society for the honor conferred upon him.

Note. Mr. Walker had thrice filled the Chair.

9th October, 1802. Mr. Turner, *pro Chair.*

A heavy rain the whole day. No field sport.

In the cash account for 1802 appears :—

Dr.

1802						
April.	To expenses incurred					
	by the Tent	10	10	0		
	Pitching upon the Green	5	1	6		
					15	11 6

2nd April, 1803. Mr. Walker, *Chair.*

Mr. Longlands moved and was seconded by Mr. Turner that for three succeeding Saturdays the Members of the Club should appear in mourning in the usual manner for our late much respected friend, Duncan Campbell, Esq.

9th April, 1803. Mr. Walker, *Chair.*

It was requested that Mr. Secretary should be called upon to explain the cause of his being absent the first meeting, so contrary to immemorial custom. Mr. Callender's explanation of its arising from indispensable avocations in business, unlooked for, which could not be averted, was deemed fully sufficient.

30th April, 1803. Mr. Walker, *Chair.*

Several members having this day suggested the propriety of relieving the worthy Chair from the arduous duties of his situation which he had now discharged *for the third time*, upwards of twelve months, and calling upon Mr. Innes requesting him to step forward upon the occassion promising the Club's warmest and best support, that gentleman was pleased to signify his ready acquiescence with their desire, and accordingly next Saturday, 7th May, was fixed for his induction.

7th May, 1803. Mr. Innes, *Chair.*

Mr. Innes was introduced to the Chair with the usual Ceremonies—sworn—and save the accustomary securities, upon which the Silver Club was delivered to him.

16*th July*, 1803. Mr. Innes, *Chair.*

Mr. Stewart very politely apologised for his not having it in his power from local circumstances to attend the Club as a Member, having married and fixed his residence in Scotland, but requested that he might be permitted to discharge his just and imperative duty to the Club to pay his "Marriage Noggin," which was accepted, and his own and his Family's health drank with 3 cheers.

27*th August*, 1803. Mr. Innes, *Chair.*

A Turtle given by Mr. Graham, well dressed, and well relished. His health was drank with 3 times 3, and the day spent with great conviviality.

3*rd September*, 1803. Mr. Callender, *Chair.*

Mr. John McKenzie having been appointed "screw" for the day, and neither appearing in his own person, nor appointing a substitute is by the general Rules of the Club fined in a Gallon of Claret, 1 guinea by agreement.

17*th September*, 1803. Mr. Innes, *Chair.*

Mr. Walker paid a guinea for not attending in his place as "screw" nor sending an excuse.

15*th October*, 1803. Mr. Innes, *Chair.*

A Turtle was this day presented to the Club by Mr. Christie in lieu of one promised by Mr. Graham, but which from the length of time on board of ship was not in a proper condition for the Club. It was of a most excellent quality, full of green fat, and uncommonly well dressed. The health of Mr. Christie was drank in a bumper, and the evening spent with great conviviality.

7*th April*, 1804. Mr. Wilson, *Chair.*

This day Mr. Wilson accepted of the Chair at the request of the Society and was inducted in the usual and customary manner.

Mr. Longlands moved that in respect to the memory of Captain Patton and Mr. Fordyce, the Club should wear mourning for the three following meetings which was unanimously agreed to.

2*nd June*, 1804. Mr. Wilson, *Chair.*

Mr. Hunter not being in his place as screw, nor having made any apology for non-attendance or substituted a member to serve for him is unanimously fined a Gallon.

16*th June*, 1804. Mr. Wilson, *Chair.*

Mr. Ogilvie not having been in his place this day as screw was fined unanimously a gallon which he paid accordingly.

21*st July*, 1804. Mr. Innes, *Chair.*

Mr. Burnie apologised for not serving the office of corkscrew, through the means of the Secretary, Mr. Moncur kindly undertook to serve for him.

6*th April*, 1805. Mr. Walker, *pro Chair.*

Mr. Yuille at the request of the Club kindly undertook the duties of the Chair, whereupon he was inducted with the usual ceremonies and took the customary oaths accordingly.

13*th July*, 1805.

Mr. Jas. Walker bets Mr. Broughton a Gallon, one guinea, that Lord Nelson comes up with the French fleet before they reach port either in America or Europe. Mr. Broughton says he will not.

10*th August*, 1805. Mr. Longlands, *pro Chair.*

Mr. K. MacKenzie's health was drank in a bumper upon his recent marriage.

2*nd November*, 1805. Mr. Yuille, *Chair.*

Mr. Wilson moved that the usual allowance to Donaldson the Club maker be made and paid to him at the discretion of the Secretary, which was regularly seconded and agreed to. Adjourned to 5th April, 1806.

5*th April*, 1806. Mr. Walker, *Chair.*

Mr. Walker observed that Mr. Christie was unepauletted,* and Mr. Christie alleged the Field Marshal was unmedalled, both pleading guilty, the usual fine of a gallon was adjudged to each. Mr. Longlands moved that the members of the Club should appear for three Saturdays in mourning for Mr. Graham, whose death was sincerely regretted by the Society as an old member and a most zealous friend to our favourite amusement, at which he was a most expert and excellent player.

* Two epaulets formed part of the Field Marshal's uniform. A Captain, or Past Captain, wore one epaulet.

Mr. Duncan was nominated for the Chair, and unanimously approved of. He was accordingly inducted with the usual ceremonies. The day was spent with great conviviality.

12*th July*, 1806. Mr. Duncan, *Chair*.

Donaldson having met with a severe accident was, upon petition, voted 1½ guineas a week for 3 weeks—raised by private subscription.

Mr. Ruperti bets Mr. Callender a gallon that Jerome Bonaparte is brought a prisoner into England before he returns to France. If he is killed in any engagement, Mr. Callender agrees to pay.

26*th July*, 1806. Mr. Innes, *pro Chair*.

Our landlady died during dinner time. An irreparable loss to the Club.

1*st November*, 1806. Mr. Innes, *pro Chair*.

Donaldson's allowance was voted as usual, likewise his Bill for hole-making.

The Field Marshal's health was drank, etc., etc.

Adjourned to 4th April next, 1807.

4*th April*, 1807. Mr. Duncan, *Chair*.

Mr. Longlands moved that the members should appear in appropriate mourning three successive Saturdays out of respect to the memory of our late friend Field Marshal Walker.

18*th April*, 1807. Mr. Duff, *pro Chair*

Mr. Caw not attending as screw was doomed the usual fine of a gallon, a guinea.

25*th April*, 1807. Mr. Duncan, *Chair*.

A motion was made by Mr. Longlands and seconded by Col. Bannerman that application should be made to Mrs. Walker to have her permission to make a copper-plate print from the portrait of her Husband in her possession.

The cash account has—

Dr.

1807		£	*s.*	*d.*
April.	To amount of Mr. Walker's Legacy towards the increase of the Funded property of the Society, and with which, purchased 100 3 per cents. . . .	59	15	0

2nd May, 1807. Mr. Callender, *Chair.*

Mr. Duncan wishing to be relieved from the duties of the Chair which he had filled for the usual period, the last 12 months. Mr. Callender upon motion of Mr. Kynnier was voted Chairman for the season of 1807, and took it accordingly.

16th May, 1807. Mr. Callender, *Chair.*

Mr. Duncan paid Mr. Caw's fine for non-attendance as Screw, 18th April, one guinea.

30th June, 1807. Mr. Callender, *Chair.*

A very fine Turtle from our friend Mr. Coll Turner of Tobago was dressed this day, and his health was drank in warmest terms of affection with 3 times 3.

27th June, 1807. Mr. Callender, *Chair.*

The Screw elect Mr. Mc Gillivray not having attended, or appointed a substitute, comes under the law of pains and penalties for such default.

11th June, 1807. Mr. Callender, *Chair.*

On this day Mr. Walker assisted by Mr. Lawrie took the opportunity of expressing the regard and affection of the Club to the Chairman by placing upon his shoulder an additional Epaulet, and his health under the appellation of "Captain General" was drank with great applause.

18th July, 1807. Mr. Callender, *Chair.*

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed, and a motion made and seconded that the usual attention of mourning should be observed for our deceased friend Robert Duff.

8th August, 1807. Mr. Callender, *Chair.*

Mr. Mc Gillivray paid his fine for non-attendance as Screw on the 27th June last.

29th August, 1807. Capn. Genl. Callender, *Chair.*

Mr. Longlands paid a fine for non-attendance as Screw on the 15th instant.

19th September, 1807. Mr. Callender, *Chair.*

Mr. Knox having met with an accident by a fall from his horse, his absence as Screw stands excused.

7th November, 1807. Mr. Lawrie, *Chair.*

This being the last Meeting of the season a motion was made and seconded that Donaldson's Bill for hole-making, &c., amounting to £3 6*s.* 0*d.* be paid, and a further allowance of a guinea per month for 6 months until his account with the Club is cleared up. Adjourned to the 2nd April, 1808.

2nd April, 1808. Mr. Yuille, *Chair.*

Mr. Lawrie moved that the Members of the Club should appear in the usual appropriate mourning for three successive Saturdays, out of respect to the memory of our late most worthy and lamented friends Mr. Callender, Mr. Kynnier, and Mr. Welladvice.

On this day Mr. Wilson, as oldest member and player on the Heath, was invested by the Club with the Gold Medal with the unanimous good wishes of every member present, and Mr. James Walker was proposed to fill the Chair for the ensuing season. The Silver Club to be played for on Saturday, the 14th May next.

9th April, 1808. Mr. Lawrie, *Chair.*

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed, and Mr. Hood paid an additional guinea as an atonement for non-attendance several years past.

7th May, 1808. Mr. Lawrie, *Chair.*

The Anniversary Meeting of the 14th instant ordered to be advertised in the *Times* and *Morning Chronicle*, and Dinner ordered for 20 at 6*s.*

14th May-Annual Day. Mr. Longlands, *Chair.*

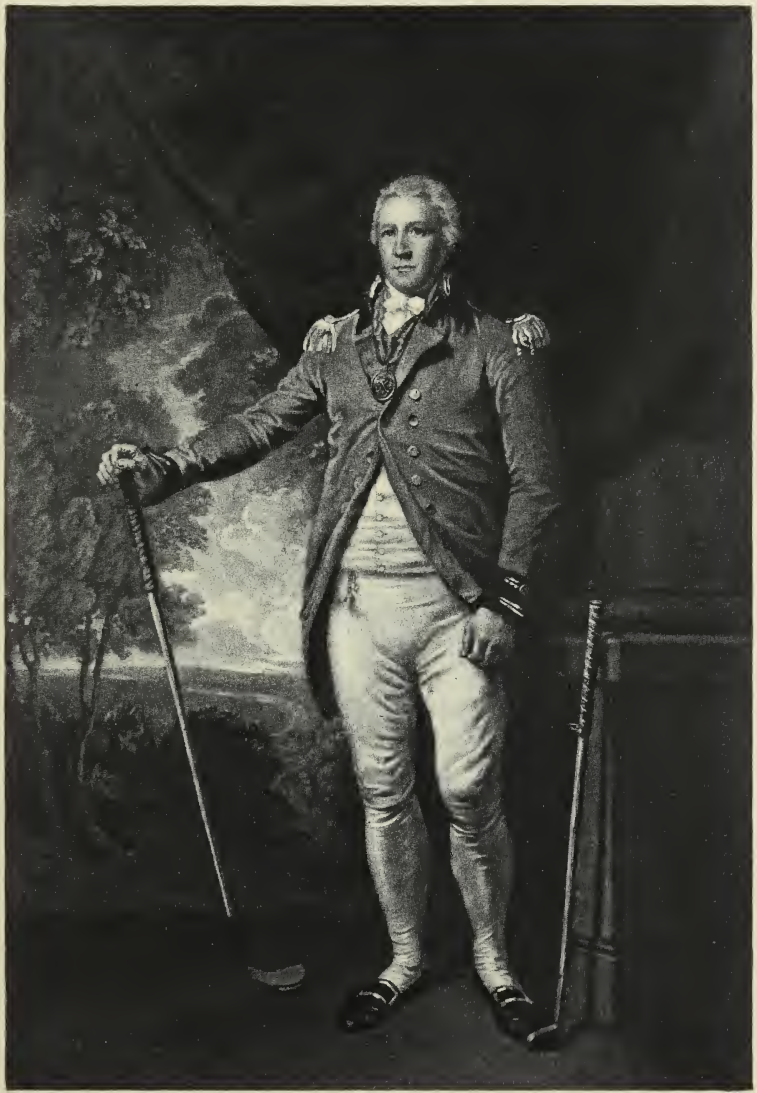
Mr. James Walker contended with Mr. Lawrie for the Silver Club, and the latter lost the honour by the loss of his ball, whereupon Mr. Walker was introduced to the Chair, and took the oaths, and his seat with all due formality.

4th June, 1808. Captain Walker, *Chair.*

Mr. Grant in a very handsome manner, presented the Legacy of our late worthy friend Henry Callender, whose memory was drank in affectionate silence, and Mr. Grant's health with 3 times 3.

Mr. Longland's moved that Mr. Callender's Portrait might be procured for the purpose of having an engraving executed.

Carried *nem. con.*



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In cash account appears :—

		Cr.		
	July, 1808.	£	*s.*	*d.*
By Cash from William Grant, Esq., Executor of the late Henry Callender, Esq., for the latter's Legacy to the Club . . .		50	0	0

2*nd July*, 1808. Capt. Walker, *Chair*.

An excellent Turtle from our friend Mr. Turner, whose health was drank with great applause.

16*th July*, 1808. Capt. Walker, *Chair*.

Excessive hot weather. No Golfing.

23*rd July*, 1808. Mr. Walker, *Chair*.

Still very hot weather. No Golfing.

30*th July*, 1808. Capt. Walker, *Chair*.

Sir Wm. Leighton paid his subscription as an old member of the Club, with £1 1*s*. additional for re-admission.

13*th August*, 1808. Mr. James Walker, *Chair*.

Mr. Gairdner and Mr. Patton paid a guinea each as a fine for re-admission to the Club, not having attended for several years past.

22*nd July*, 1809. Capt. Walker, *Chair*.

Captain Walker moved and was seconded by Mr. Longlands, that the Silver Club should be played for on the 12th August next, the best player to take the Chair for the remainder of the season, which on a division, was carried.

For the Motion	8
Against	3
Majority	5

12*th August*, 1809.

This being the day appointed for playing for the Silver Club, the following were the Candidates :—

Mr. Longlands	131	Strokes in 3 rounds.
Mr. Walker	143	
Mr. Hamilton	148	

upon which Mr. Longlands was declared to be the Victor and took the Chair accordingly.

26*th August*, 1809. Capt. Longlands, *Chair.*

A very excellent Turtle from Mr. Turner, of Tobago, brought home by Capt. McLaurin, was dressed this day, and Mr. Turner's health drank by the Company with 3 times 3.

Mr. Crokatt playing two strokes to one with his irons, bets Mr. R. Hamilton a gallon that he beats Mr. H. using any clubs on the usual play.

21*st April*, 1810. Capt. Longland's, *Chair.*

The Silver Club was played for this day by Mr. Jameson and Mr. Ruperti, and the former having gained the honour, by beating his antagonist 2 holes, he was accordingly initiated into the Chair, and the health of our late Chairman (Mr. Longlands), was drank with 3 times 3, together with that of Professor Wilson, &c., &c.

13*th April*, 1811.

Mr. Duncan lays three gallons to one with Capt. Jameson that Perth ranks as the second City in Scotland.

Lost by Mr. Jameson as per Certificate of Mr. Cunningham, Clerk of the Convention of Boroughs at Edinburgh.

20*th April*, 1811.

The Silver Club, which was to have been played for this day, was postponed until next Saturday, in consequence of Mr. Loughnan's indisposition.

27*th April*, 1811.

This being the day appointed for the play for the Silver Club, it appeared that Mr. James Loughnan had beaten Captain Jameson and Captain Duncan on the green, in consequence of which he was duly initiated into the chair, and the health of our late chairman, Captain Jameson, was drank with 3 times 3.

29*th June*, 1811. Mr. Longlands, *pro Chair.*

A motion was made by the Secretary that the old custom of the Club should be revived, of playing for sixpence a hole on the green, which was carried *nem con.*

6*th July*, 1811. Mr. Patrikson, *pro Chair.*

The resolution of last Saturday respecting playing for sixpence a hole was put and confirmed.

3rd August, 1811. Mr. Robt. Hamilton, *pro Chair.*

The Anniversary was fixed for Saturday, the 17th instant, and Mr. Duncan and Mr. Ruperti nominated to attend the Tent, &c., on the heath.

17th August, 1811. Capn. Longlands, *Chair.*

This being the Anniversary of the Club, the day was spent with great conviviality.

19th October, 1811. Mr. Duncan, *pro Chair.*

Mr. Longlands moved that the Club should go into mourning for the remainder of the season, for our late worthy friend Mr. Wm. Christie.

The Cash accounts show :—

1812.	*Dr.*	£	*s.*	*d.*
Jan.	To turtle and venison dressing. . . .	4	1	6
„	To Collegemen's Beer	2	4	6

18th April, 1812. Capn. Jameson, *Chair.*

This being the day appointed for the play for the Club, it was announced that Mr. Ruperti, who had challenged Mr. Jameson, had been the successful Candidate, on which event he was conducted to and placed in the Chair for the ensuing season. The health of the late Captain (Loughnan) was drank with 3 times 3, notwithstanding his absence.

13th June, 1812. Capn. Ruperti, *Chair.*

A Turtle from Mr. Turner, of Tobago, was dressed this day in a very capital style. The evening spent with great glee, and Mr. Turner's health drank with 3 times 3.

Mr. Wilson left £5 for his subscription to the Club, but would not stay dinner.

1st August, 1812. Capn. Ruperti, *Chair.*

An excellent haunch of venison presented by Captain Ruperti, who named Mr. Duncan and Mr. P. Young stewards of the Tent on the heath for the Anniversary of the 15th inst.

8th August, 1812. Capn. Ruperti, *Chair.*

Another excellent Haunch of Venison presented to the Club by Mr. Ruperti.

15*th August*, 1812. *Anniversary.* Capn. Ruperti, *Chair.*

[Sixteen members and twenty visitors dined, among the latter being His Serene Highness the Duke of Brunswick and the Duke de Bouillon.]

The health of the illustrious and princely visitors was not forgotten, on the occassion of the honor conferred on the Club this day, and after many songs, toasts, &c., the evening concluded with thanks to the ladies who had honoured the Tent with their presence, not forgetting the merits of Mr. Duncan and Mr. Peter Young, the stewards of the Tent on the heath.

5*th September*, 1812. Mr. Ruperti, *Chair.*

A Turtle from Mr. Paul, of St. Vincent, presented to the Club by A. Innes.

24*th October*, 1812. Capn. Ruperti, *Chair.*

Mourning was ordered for our late excellent and worthy friend Mr. Turner.

7*th November*, 1812. Capn. Ruperti, *Chair.*

This being the last day of the season Mr. Longlands moved the thanks of the Club to the Chairman, for his unremitted attention to the Society, during the season, the records showing the almost unexampled instance of his never having been absent from his Duty on any one occassion throughout the season. His health was therefore drank with great unanimity with 3 times 3, together with that of the Secretary, &c.

Moved that 3*s.* per week should be continued to the Clubmaker Donaldson as an allowance for hole making, &c., exclusive of the expense of repairing the flags, &c.

Adjourned to Saturday the 3rd April, 1813.

10*th April*, 1813. Capt. Ruperti, *Chair.*

Mourning was ordered for our late friend Mr. Henderson for 3 Saturdays.

17*th April*, 1813. Capt. Ruperti, *Chair.*

Next Saturday was named as the day for playing for the Club, when Mr. Duncan intimated his intention of playing against the Chair. Mr. Jameson also gave notice of his intention to do the same. The healths of the candidates were drank with 3 times 3.

24*th April*, 1813. Capt. Ruperti, *Chair.*

This being the day appointed for playing for the Club, Mr. Duncan opposed Capt. Ruperti on the Green, when it appeared that Mr. Ruperti won the Club by a majority of 2 strokes,

His number being 111
Mr. Duncan's 113

—on which he was again declared Chair for next season, and on which his health, with that of the Scrutineers Longlands, Hood, and Lindsay were drank with great *eclat.*

5*th June*, 1813. Mr. Ruperti, *Chair.*

An excellent haunch of venison presented by Mr. Ruperti, and his health was drank with *eclat.*

Mr. Longlands, on his health being drank as Screw, noticed Mr. Jas. Walker's absence, who volunteered last Saturday to act as Screw for this day, and not being present, Mr. Walker becomes liable to the usual pains and penalties.

26*th June*, 1813. Mr. Ruperti, *Chair.*

Mr. Longlands moved to drink the health of the Chair with 3 times 3 for an excellent haunch of venison presented by him and dressed this day.

Mr. Laing offers a bet of a Gallon, that in the course of the season he will drive a Ball 500 feet, giving him the chance of 10 strokes to accomplish it, and the choice of ground.

Mr. Hamilton lays he will not do the above.

17*th July*, 1813. Mr. Ruperti, *Chair.*

A haunch of venison was presented by Capt. G. Simpson, of most excellent quality, and was well dressed. Capt. Simpson's health was drank with 3 times 3 to encourage others in so praiseworthy conduct. Our worthy Secretary's health, Mr. A. Innes, was drank with all that marked affection he deserves.

31*st July*, 1813. Mr. Ruperti, *Chair.*

The Anniversary of this Club being fixed for Saturday 14th August, it was resolved in a Committee held for that purpose that the following gentlemen should be Stewards for the management of the Tents :—

Mr. Duncan,
„ Hunter,
„ Hood,
„ Culliford.

7th August, 1813. Mr. Ruperti, *Chair*.

At this Meeting it was resolved to give a public Breakfast to the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Heath and its neighbourhood, for which purpose the Stewards as named at the last Meeting were desired to conduct the ceremonies, order refreshments, and issue tickets for admission to the Tents.

The Stewards accordingly held a Meeting at the Green Man, and ordered Mr. Walker to provide for 2 tents :—

2 Rounds of Beef,	2 Hams,
1 Fillet of Veal,	12 Pair Chickens.

Fruits,

Melons, Grapes, Apricots, Apples and Pears, Cakes of Sorts.

And that strict attention should be paid that there should be a sufficiency of each kind and of the best quality.

Liquors,

Punch,	Cyder,
Sherry,	Porter,
Port,	Water.

Mr. Duncan introduced a Card or Ticket of Admission, which was much approved of, and it was resolved that each Ticket should be signed by the Steward who distributes them, and that the Members of the Club to whom they are delivered should insert the name of the Gentleman or Lady introduced to the Tents. That a proper person should be stationed at each tent to receive the tickets, from which he is to tear off a piece from the corner to prevent re-issue, and put the remains into his pocket to ascertain the number entertained. (N.B. This part was ill done.)

14*th August*, 1813. *Anniversary*.

Present: Captain Ruperti, 13 Members and 28 Visitors.

The Company assembled at 2 o'clock, and after walking in front of the tents for some time, the Ladies were invited to partake of a cold collation consisting of Fowls, Ham, Fruits of various kinds, Ices, Jellies, Cakes. Sir John Eamer's regimental Band playing, and a party of his Regiment keeping the ground in front of the Tents, where the Golf Flag was erected. Two stewards attended each Tent to wait on the Ladies, who after partaking of the Refreshments retired to accomodate the Gentlemen, and walked the ground in front of the Tents.

The Gentlemen soon joined the ladies, and the scene then became truly interesting from so large an assemblage of ladies of beauty and fashion. Swift-footed Time too soon beckoned it is the hour to part, and after the Band played God save the King the ladies took their leave with regret, but with countenances that bespoke a lively remembrance of the happy hours they had spent.

After dinner many patriotic Toasts were drank, interspersed with songs, and thanks to our illustrious visitor—the Duke of Brunswick—who had honored the Golf Club a second time with his presence. The evening concluded with thanks to the Ladies who honored the Tents with their company, and to the Stewards for their great care and attention to their accomodation.

On this occassion a haunch of venison, out of the Duchess of Rutland's park, was presented by the Chairman, Mr. Ruperti, and his health on this, and many other occassions of a similar nature, was remembered accordingly.

2*nd October*, 1813. Mr. Ruperti, *Chair.*

An excellent haunch of venison presented by Captain Ruperti, whose health was remembered with thanks and 3 times 3.

16*th October*, 1813. Capn. Ruperti, *Chair.*

This being the close of the season, the usual allowance to the Club Maker, Donaldson, of 3*s.* per week—exclusive of hole making—was moved by Mr. Longlands, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, and carried unanimously.

On this occassion the thanks of the meeting were voted once more to the Chairman for his constant attendance in the Chair during the second season of his filling that situation. The health of Mr. Longlands and the Secretary was likewise noticed with the usual attention, and Mr. Lindsay moved to drink the health of his Serene Highness the Duke of Brunswick as a mark of our regard for the honour of his attendance upon this Society for two successive Anniversary Meetings.

Adjourned to Saturday the 2nd April, 1814.

23*rd April*, 1814. Mr. Ruperti, *Chair.*

The Silver Club was played for by Mr. Hood and Mr. Ruperti, when the honors of the day having been decided in favour of the former, he was accordingly conducted to the Chair with the usual formalities, and his health and that of the ex-chair drank with 3 times 3.

2nd July, 1814. Capt. Hood, *Chair*.

A Turtle was presented this day by the Secretary, whose health was drank with the usual honours.

9th July, 1814.

Mr. Lindsay lays 2 to 1 that no member of the Club can drive from the Middle Hole to Hunter's Hole in 4 strokes, up to or even with the hole. Mr. Robt. Hamilton took the bet, to be played next Saturday. The first Ball to be teed, the others to be played as they lay.

16th July, 1814. Capn. Hood, *Chair*.

An excellent haunch of venison presented by Mr. Ruperti, whose health was drank with 3 times 3.

30th July, 1814. Mr. Ruperti, *pro Chair*.

An excellent Turtle was dressed this day, and the health of Mr. Broughton the Donor remembered with 3 times 3.

20th Aug., 1814. Mr. Ruperti, *pro Chair*.

An excellent haunch of venison was presented to the Club this day, and Mr. Ruperti's health drank with great *eclat*.

17th September, 1814. *Turtle Dinner*. Capn. Hood, *Chair*.

The health of the Donor of the Turtle (Mr. Ruperti) with great expressions of regard, and many thanks for his uncommon attention to the Society, which has seldom or never been exceeded in the Annals of the Club.

15th October, 1814. Mr. Hood, *Chair*.

The health of Professor Wilson was drank with 3 times 3, as a memorandum of his extraordinary powers at the age of nearly fourscore and four, playing a match this day, and winning it, confessedly by the skill exhibited in the game.

5th November, 1814. Capn. Hood, *Chair*.

This being the last Meeting of the Season the health of the Chair was proposed by Mr. Longlands, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, and drank with every mark of approbation, as was that of the Secretary and Mr. Longlands, the constant attendant upon the Heath and Club, &c., &c.; and after a pleasant convivial evening the Club adjourned to Saturday the 1st April, 1815.

1*st April*, 1815. Capt. Hood, *Chair.*

The Secretary's accounts for the last year were read and approved of, and the health of Capt. Leach, the Rival candidate for the Chair, was drank accordingly.

Professor Wilson appeared and paid his subscription, but went off in a moment, without waiting to hear his health in a bumper, which was proposed by Mr. Longlands.

In the cash accounts the following :—

1815.	*Dr.*	£	*s.*	*d.*
April 1.	To paid Donaldson's (Hole makers') Funeral	8	11	6
„	To paid for Turtle and Venison dressing. .	9	2	6
„	To paid Jonathan, Hole making	1	10	0

29*th April*, 1815. Captain Hood, *Chair.*

The Silver Club was this day played for by Mr. Leach against Mr. Lawrie and Mr. Hood, when it appeared that Mr. Leach had gained the honours against Mr. Lawrie the number of strokes for the round being

Mr. Lawrie	145
Mr. Leach	140
Mr. Hood (only 2 holes) . .	10

Captn. Leach was accordingly declared conqueror and conducted to the Chair for the ensuing season.

The health of our late Chair was drank with 3 times 3 and the evening concluded with great conviviality.

24*th June*, 1815. Capt. Leach, *Chair.*

Moved by Mr. Longlands and seconded that the Club having been more than once honored at its festivities with the presence of the lamented Duke of Brunswick whilst in England, and remembered by him when abroad, where he had so gloriously fallen on the Field of Waterloo. That the Club be put into mourning during the time the mourning may be ordered by the Court. Resolved.

1*st July*, 1815. Captn. Leach, *Chair.*

A Turtle from the Secretary was presented this day and his health drank with 3 times 3.

Moved and seconded that the Club shall be put into mourning three succeeding Saturdays for the late Alex Maxwell, one of the oldest and most respectable members.

15*th July*, 1815.

Mr. Lindsay bets Mr. Longlands a Gallon that he (Mr. Longlands) shall not once in 3 times drive a ball with his heavy iron up to the hole from a spot on the road beyond Hamilton's Gulley. The spot where the Ball is to be played from is left to the decision of Mr. Stodart and the Secretary.

22*nd July*, 1815. Capn. Leach, *Chair.*

An excellent haunch of venison presented by Mr. Ruperti, whose health was drank with appropriate thanks.

4*th November*, 1815. Capt. Ruperti, *pro Chair.*

This being the last meeting of the season, it was moved seconded and resolved that the usual allowance to the Hole maker for the year should be paid out of the funds of the Club, and that the sum of five pounds should be advanced to Ballantyne, the Club maker, during the Winter, at the discretion of the Secretary. The usual mark of attention was paid to the healths of the Chair, Secretary, and Mr. Longlands, and the Club adjourned to Saturday the 6th April 1816.

20*th April*, 1816.

This day the Silver Club was played for by Mr. Lawrie and Mr. Leach, and the honor having fallen on the former, he was conducted to the Chair for the ensuing Season with the usual honors, and the health of the late Chair noticed accordingly.

11*th May*, 1816.

In consequence of the decease of our late worthy Field Marshal and Professor Wilson, the Club was ordered to be put in mourning three successive Saturdays, and the Gold Medal usually worn by the Field Marshal was this day presented to Mr. Longlands as a testimony of the regard of the Society for his uniform attention to its interests on all occassions, independent of his being the oldest efficient member of the Society.

24*th August*, 1816. Capt. Lawrie, *Chair.*

An excellent Turtle was dressed this day, a present from Mr. Ruperti, whose health was drank with appropriate regard.

2*nd November*, 1816. Mr. Longlands, *pro Chair.*

A very rainy day, and little golfing.

This being the last day of the season it was moved by Mr. Longlands to make the usual allowance to Jonathan for hole making. Also that some recompense should be allowed to the Club maker, as an encouragement for his attendance on the Club, during the winter, say 3*s.* per week until Saturday the 5th day of April, 1817, to which day the Club adjourned.

5*th April*, 1817. Mr. Longlands, *pro Chair.*

The Secretary's accounts for last year were presented, examined and approved, and the allowance to Cockburn, the Club maker, was left to the discretion of the Secretary.

Ordered, that the Club should be put in mourning 3 Saturdays for our late Chairman, Mr. William Hood.

19*th April*, 1817. Mr. Longlands, *pro Chair.*

This being the day appointed for the honor of playing for the Club, it was announced that Mr. Lindsay and Mr. Ruperti had gone 3 rounds, the former at 135, the latter at 152 strokes, whereupon Mr. Lindsay was conducted to the Chair with the usual Ceremonies, and the health of our late Chair, Mr. Lawrie, was drank with 3 times 3.

17*th May*, 1817.

Captain Lindsay says he will go three times round the heath to Captain Leach's once, touching the holes on the heath each time.

28*th June*, 1817. Mr. Lindsay, *Chair.*

A dozen of Claret offered to the Club by Mr. Lawrie on the occassion of the marriage of Miss Lawrie.

5*th July*, 1817. Mr. Lindsay, *Chair.*

In pursuance of the minute of last Saturday, Mr. Lawrie sent in a dozen of excellent Claret, not one drop of which was left for next meeting.

Mr. Jerdan composed and presented to the Chair a song in praise of Golf, which was determined to be sung on all fit occassions.

19*th July*, 1817. Capt. Lindsay, *Chair.*

A Turtle was presented to the Club from the Chair, whose health was drank with the usual honours.

16*th Augt.*, 1817. Mr. Ruperti, *pro Chair.*

It having been announced that Mrs. Fennell had happily presented Mr. Fennell with a young golfer, her health was drank with 3 times 3, and the usual compliment of £1 1*s.* 0*d.* paid by Mr. Fennell.

30*th August*, 1817. Capt. Lindsay, *Chair.*

Mr. Laing paid his Marriage Noggin, and the health of the Bride and Bridegroom drank with great *éclat.*

In consequence of the Gold Medal having been lost and recovered, it was moved by Mr. Lindsay that the following inscription should be placed thereon—

"This Medal moved for and designed by Thos. Longlands, Esq., was presented to Field Marshal John Walker on the 2nd October, 1802, in testimony of the Golf Club's approbation of his long and meritorious services."

It was further moved that the names of the succeeding Field Marshals should be inscribed on the Medal.

27*th September*, 1817. Capt. Lindsay, *Chair.*

A Turtle from the Secretary was presented this day, and being well dressed gave universal satisfaction, and the usual honor of health and acknowledgement with 3 times 3 not forgotten.

1*st November*, 1817. Capt. Lindsay, *Chair.*

This being the last meeting of the season, the usual compliment of the health of Chairman, Secretary, and Field Marshal was not omitted.

It was moved by Mr. Longlands, and seconded, that the usual allowance to Jonathan for hole making should be paid. Carried unanimously. Also that the Secretary should be empowered to make a recompense to Cockburn, the Clubmaker, during the winter, at the discretion of the Secretary.

2*nd May*, 1818. Captn. Lindsay, *Chair.*

This being the day appointed for the play to determine the election of chair for the ensuing season, the candidates delivered cards marked for the occassion, when it appeared that Mr. Laing had gained the Honor by a majority over Mr. Lindsay, whereupon the former was declared the Victor, and initiated into the Chair with the usual Ceremony.

27*th June*, 1818. Captn. Laing, *Chair.*

A Turtle presented by the Secretary, whose health was remembered with the usual honours.

11*th July*, 1818. Mr. Ruperti, *pro Chair.*

Mr. Yuille excused as Screw on his leaving town for Scotland.

22*nd August*, 1818. Capt. Laing, *Chair.*

A fine Turtle from Mr. Geo. Lindsay, whose health was remembered as usual.

19*th September*, 1818. Mr. Lindsay, *pro Chair.*

A small Turtle presented by Mr. Lindsay, whose health was drank with 3 times 3.

26*th September*, 1818. Capt. Laing, *Chair.*

A Turtle presented by Mr. Ritchie, whose health was drank with 3 times 3.

7*th November*, 1818. Capt. Laing, *Chair.*

Mr. Braidwood gave notice that at the 1st meeting next season it shall be proposed as a Rule that the Ball in all cases shall be holed, unless when otherwise consented to by each party.

Mr. Longlands moved the usual allowance to Cockburn, the Club Maker, during the winter, and for hole making, at the discretion of the Secretary.

Notice was given of a young Golfer having been produced by the Lady of Mr. Campbell, and a guinea from the father confirmed the intelligence.

The healths of the Chair, Secretary, Field Marshal, &c., &c., were noticed as usual, and an adjournment took place to the 1st meeting, 3rd April, 1819.

The following appears in the cash account :—

3*rd April*, 1819.—*Dr.*—	£	*s.*	*d.*
To Cash paid Mr. Walker for Turtle dressing . .	7	10	0
Do. Collegemen's Beer	3	3	9

10*th April*, 1819. Mr. Yuille, *pro Chair.*

The Motion for an allowance of 15 guineas instead of 10 to the Club Maker for one year was put by Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Stodart, and carried with one dissentient voice.

17*th April*, 1819. Mr. Lindsay, *Chair*.

This being the day appointed for the play for the Silver Club, Mr. Fennell appeared on the ground to dispute the honor against Mr. Jameson, and as the latter gentleman did not appear on the green, the honor of course fell upon Mr. Fennell, who was conducted to the Chair, with the usual Ceremonies. *Vide* the report upon this occassion by Field Marshal Longlands, Chairman of the Committee of Scrutineers.

1*st May*, 1819.

A Bet. Lindsay against Graham, for 2 rounds, the former with his light iron club, the latter with his shortest spoon, on Saturday next.

29*th May*, 1819. Capt. Fennell, *Chair*.

A Gallon from the Secretary on the occassion of his son's marriage.

10*th July*, 1819. Capt. Fennell, *Chair*.

A Small Turtle from Mr. Lindsay and a haunch of venison presented by Mr. Ruperti, both healths remembered with 3 times 3.

21*st August*, 1819. Capt. Fennell, *Chair*.

A small Turtle from Capt. Jas. Young, presented in the name of our absent friend Lindsay, whose health was drank with 3 times 3.

6*th November*, 1819. Capt. Fennell, *Chair*.

This being the last meeting of the season, it was moved by Mr. Lindsay, and seconded by Mr. Stodart, that an allowance of 6*s*. a week should be continued to the Club Maker during the ensuing winter, said allowance being in full of hole-making, &c., for the past summer meeting.

The health of Capt. Fennell was drank, with many handsome observations from Mr. Longlands on his constant attendance on every Saturday during the season, and after the usual remembrance of the Field Marshal, Secretary, &c., the meeting adjourned to Saturday the 1st April, 1820.

22*nd April*, 1820. Capt. Fennell, *Chair*.

The Secretary presented a Gallon on the occassion of becoming a Grandpapa.

The Silver Club was played for, and won by Mr. Lindsay by 23 strokes, viz. :—

Mr. Fennell	152
Mr. Lindsay	129
Majority	23

29*th April*, 1820. Capt. Lindsay, *Chair*.

Notice given from the Chair of the melancholy loss of our friend Mr. Lawrie, and the Silver Club was ordered to bear the usual insignia of mourning for 3 successive Saturdays.

3*rd June*, 1820.

Mr. Finlayson lays a gallon with Mr. Black, giving Mr. B. half one stroke on each hole. Mr. B. to play with his irons, and the use of the wooden Putter when he chooses.

29*th July*, 1820. Mr. Fennell, *pro Chair*.

A small turtle from Capt. Chas. Young was presented by Mr. Lindsay, and the health of the donors remembered as usual.

9*th September*, 1820. Mr. Fennell, *pro Chair*.

Mr. Croft presented the Club with a Gallon (a guinea, which was spent) on the birth of a 12th child.

4*th November*, 1820. Capt. Lindsay, *Chair*.

The melancholy event of the death of our excellent friend Field Marshal Longlands was announced from the Chair, and the usual marks of respect were ordered to be annexed to the Silver Club at our next Meeting.

Mr. Lindsay proposed that the Gold Medal should be presented to Mr. Jameson as the next eldest member in succession, and he was invested accordingly.

The usual allowance of 6*s*. a week was ordered to the Clubmaker during the winter, and it was moved by Mr. Ruperti that it should be left to the discretion of the Secretary to advance 1*s*. more per week in consideration of his bad state of health, but not to be considered as a precedent.

Adjourned to Saturday, 7th April, 1821.

In the Cash Account :—

7*th April*, 1821.—*Dr.*	£	*s.*	*d.*
To Collegemens' Beer	3	10	6
Cockburn's Allowance . . .	16	19	0

14*th April*, 1821. Mr. Lindsay, *Chair*.

This being the day appointed for the play to determine the honor of the Chair for the ensuing season, Capt. Lindsay and Mr. Finlayson appeared on the heath as candidates, but a constant heavy rain rendered it impossible to go the rounds. Mr. Walker therefore moved that the play of the above candidates should be postponed *sine die*. Seconded by Mr. Ruperti and carried unanimously.

5*th May*, 1821. Mr. Ruperti, *pro Chair*.

Mr. Yuille moved that the Minute of the 14th April should be rescinded, seconded by Mr. Jameson, but on a show of hands negatived, and it is understood that no alteration shall take place in the Chair until Mr. Lindsay's return from Scotland.

26*th May*, 1821. Mr. Jameson, *pro Chair*.

The melancholy event of this day, viz., the sudden death of Mr. Campbell at the moment of his conclusion of his bet against the Secretary was noticed in solemn silence, and the usual mark of respect was ordered to be affixed on the Silver Club.

2*nd June*, 1821. Mr. Walker, *pro Chair*.

Mr. Walker begged to mention the case of Patty who had for nearly 40 years been a servant of the house and of the Club, and proposed that 5 Guineas should be voted for her next Saturday from the funds of the Society.

9*th June*, 1821. Mr. Leach, *pro Chair*.

Mr. Walker's memo of last Saturday respecting Patty was moved, seconded and confirmed, and the 5 guineas ordered to be paid by the Secretary.

16*th June*, 1821. Mr. Ruperti, *pro Chair*.

A very excellent Turtle was dressed this day, presented by the Secretary, whose health was drank with the usual attention.

30*th June*, 1821. Mr. Ruperti, *pro Chair*.

Mr. Jameson gave notice that he intended on the last day of the season to move that the Chair should in future be occupied for the season by ELECTION not play. Seconded by Mr. Stodart.

14*th July*, 1821. Mr. Jameson, *pro Chair.*

Received £1 1*s.* 0*d.* from Mr. Finlayson on the occassion of Mrs. F.'s accouchment, and birth of a young golfer, and the health of the Lady was drank accordingly.

11*th August*, 1821. Capt. Lindsay, *Chair.*

A very fine Turtle presented by Capt. Lindsay was dressed this day, and his health was drank with 3 times 3.

The Silver Club was played for this day by Mr. Lindsay and Mr. Finlayson, and on the report of the scrutineers, Robertson and Croft, the honor fell upon Mr. Finlayson, the number of strokes being for

Captain Lindsay 122
Mr. Finlayson 118

Whereupon the latter was placed in the Chair with the usual ceremonies, and the thanks of the Club were unanimously voted to his opponent for his meritorious services.

29*th September*, 1821. Capt. Finlayson, *Chair.*

A fine small turtle from Mr. Masson as the representative of Capt. Ferrier who presented the Fish, and the health of the donor was drank with all the honors.

13*th October*, 1821. Mr. Finlayson, *Chair.*

Mr. Fennell presented the Club with a Gallon on the birth of a young golferess.

6*th April*, 1822. Capt. Finlayson, *Chair.*

The Secretary's accounts for 1821 were presented and confirmed.

Cash account contains

1822	Dr.	£	*s.*	*d.*
April 6	To Collegemens' Beer .	3	12	0
	Cockburn Clubmaker .	16	13	0
	Assistant holemaker . .	0	9	0
	Patty per Vote of the Club .	5	5	0
	Engraving Medal . .	0	1	6

18*th May*, 1822.

Mr. Fennell bets a gallon that Mr. Black shall drive 20 yards farther than Mr. Finlayson from the Shooter's Hill Hole towards the College. Mr. Finlayson takes the bet.

Lost by Mr. Black.

1*st June*, 1822.

Mr. Black, Sen., challenges Mr. Flemyng for a gallon, the former with irons, the latter with all his Clubs.

13*th July*, 1822. Capt. Finlayson, *Chair*.

The Secretary presented a fine Turtle from Mr. Paul, of St. Vincent, and being well dressed the day was spent with great eclat.

20*th July*, 1822. Capt. Finlayson, *Chair*.

A small Turtle presented by Mr. Walker and his health drank with 3 times 3.

27*th July*, 1822. Capt. Finlayson, *Chair*.

Moved and seconded that Mr. Shepherd's bill for the burial of Cockburn, Clubmaker, should be paid, and that 1/6 per week should be paid to Alick for Hole making.

31*st August*, 1822.

Lindsay bets Black Senr. a Gallon that he does not drive the hole from Woolwich, Shooter's Hill, to Morden College in two strokes once in six times during the season. Mr. B. giving notice before he goes out.

14*th September*, 1822. Capt. Finlayson, *Chair*.

An excellent Turtle presented by Mr. Lindsay whose health was not forgotten with 3 times 3.

5*th October*, 1822.

Capt. Finlayson says he will give two gallons to the Club if Mr. Cunningham drives from the Middle hole to Hunter's or Laing's hole, hole high, in 3 strokes, Mr. C. teeing his Ball each time, taking six Balls on the day he selects.

Lost by Mr. Cunningham.

19*th October*, 1822. Capt. Finlayson, *Chair*.

An excellent Turtle presented by the Secretary, and no less capital haunch of Scotch Mutton presented by Mr. Black.

2nd November, 1822. Capt. Finlayson, *Chair.*

Mr. Lindsay moved an allowance of 2*s.* per week to Poke Club Maker during the winter season.

Adjourned to Saturday 5th April, 1823.

5th April, 1823. Capt. Finlayson, *Chair.*

The Secretary's statement of accounts for last year was read and confirmed.

Cash Account has :—

5th April, 1823.—*Dr.*		£	*s.*	*d.*
To Cash paid for Turtle Dressing		8	15	6
Do.	Collegemens' Beer	3	19	10
Do.	Allowance to Cockburn . . .	6	14	0
Do.	Funeral of Do.	5	16	0
Do.	Poke Clubmaker to 22nd March, 1823 .	2	16	0
Do.	Beetson Do. .		8	0
Do.	Alick, Holemaking	1	0	0

12th April, 1823. Mr. Finlayson, *Chair.*

The election of a Captain and Chairman was fixed for Saturday the 26th inst.

Moved and seconded that a Medal should be provided and played for to be won by the best player of the day, and that the expense should be defrayed individually by the Members of the Club. Mr. Cunningham to make the selection of the Medal.

16th April, 1823. Mr. Finlayson, *Chair.*

An attack of sickness prevented Mr. Flemyng's attendance this day, but by an unanimous show of hands he was named as "Elective Captain" for the Chair for the year ensuing to be introduced next Saturday.

3rd May, 1823. Mr. Finlayson, *Chair.*

This being the day appointed for the introduction of the "elective chairman" for the season, Mr. Flemyng was conducted to the Chair with the usual Ceremonies, and the health of Capt. Finlayson was drank with 3 times 3, with many marks of approbation for his extreme attention during nearly two seasons in the Chair.

24*th May*, 1823. Capt. Flemyng, *Chair.*

A Turtle presented by the Secretary whose health was drank as usual.

A full Bumper proposed for Captain Finlayson, with great regret for the sad accident which had befallen him.*

21*st June*, 1823. Capt. Flemyng, *Chair.*

Mr. Croft paid a sovereign on the birth of the 14th Child, and the health of Mrs. C. and the young Golfer drank with 3 times 3.

This being the day appointed for the play for the Medal voted by the Club, and Scrutineers having examined the cards delivered on the occassion the numbers were declared as follows, viz. :—

In 3 rounds—	Mr. Masson	143
	Mr. Robertson	124
	Mr. Lindsay	122
	Mr. Stein	120
	Mr. Black, Jun.	113
	Mr. Flemyng	106
	Mr. Cunningham . . .	106
	Mr. Black, Sen.	105

(*Signed*)— Jas. Walker
Thos. Fennell
Geo. Croft
Scrutineers.

Whereupon the honour was declared in favour of Mr. Black, and he was invested with the Medal accordingly.

12*th July*, 1823. Mr. Ruperti, *pro Chair.*

Mr. Black proposed Archd. Sharpe to be Clubmaker in future, seconded and carried, *nem. con.*, also motion made and carried that 3/6 per week should be allowed as Salary during the pleasure of the Club.

16*th August*, 1823. Mr. Fennell, *pro Chair.*

Moved and carried *nem. con.* that the Gold Medal should be worn on the breast of the Victor every day of his appearance in the Club—a forfeit for neglect.

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30*th August*, 1823. Capt. Flemyng, *Chair.*

A very fine turtle dressed this day presented by the Secretary from Mr. Paul of St. Vincent.

6*th September*, 1823. Mr. Fennell, *pro Chair.*

No apology from Mr. Walker for his absence as Screw.

20*th September*, 1823. Mr. Lindsay, *pro Cha'r.*

Notice was given from the Chair of the death of our late worthy friend, Mr. Stodart, and mourning ordered to be affixed to the Silver Club for three successive Saturdays as usual.

27*th September*, 1823.

Mr. Masson challenges Mr. Fennell, the latter giving Mr. M. ½ stroke each hole.

4*th October*, 1823.

Mr. Cunningham agrees to give Mr. Black, Sen., 2 strokes in each hole, the latter to play with his heavy iron, and if it breaks to change.

Lost by Mr. Cunningham.

18*th October*, 1823. Mr. Ruperti, *pro Chair.*

Received £1 1 0 from Mr. Walker for non-attendance as screw 6th September last, and spent.

1*st November*, 1823. Mr. Fennell, *pro Chair.*

This being the last day of the Season, a Motion was proposed by Mr. Robertson and seconded that the allowance of 3/6 per week to Sharpe the Club-maker should be continued during the winter, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Fennell proposed the health of Capt. Flemyng, Field Marshal Jameson, Secretary Innes, etc., etc., and an adjournment took place to Saturday the 3rd April, 1824.

17*th April*, 1824. Mr. Fennell, *pro Chair.*

This being the day appointed at the previous meeting at the City of London Tavern, for the introduction of the *Elective* Chairman for the season, Mr. Cunningham was conducted to that situation with the usual Ceremonies, and the health of Capt. Flemyng (though absent) was drank with 3 times 3, with thanks for his attention last season, etc.

24th April, 1824.

Mr. Robertson challenges Mr. Black, Sen. for a Gallon of Whiskey. Mr. B. giving Mr. R. two strokes in the hole, which Mr. B. accepts solely for the good of the Club, on account of it being for Whiskey.

Lost by Mr. Black, Sen., 31st July.

29th May, 1824. Mr. Cunningham, *Chair.*

Mr. Robertson gave notice of a motion for next Saturday to fix the play for the Medal this year on Saturday, the 24th July, and Mr. Lamb gave notice of a motion that the Medal shall be played for in future years on a specific day, to be fixed whether the holder be present or not.

5th June, 1824. Mr. Walker, *pro Chair.*

Mr. Robertson's motion of last Saturday was carried unanimously.

12th June, 1824. Mr. Ruperti, *pro Chair.*

Mr. Robertson moved in the absence of Mr. Lamb that the day of playing for the Medal in future years should be fixed on the first meeting of the Club each year, carried *nem. con.*

26th June, 1824. Mr. Cunningham, *Chair.*

A Turtle from the Secretary was dressed this day in excellent condition.

17th July, 1824. Mr. Cunningham, *Chair.*

Ordered that advertisements should be inserted in the *Times*, *Chronicle*, and *Herald*, giving notice of the Gold Medal to be played for on Saturday next the 24th inst.

31st July, 1824. Mr. Ruperti, *pro Chair.*

Mr. Sim paid a gallon on the birth of a young Golferess, and the health of Mrs. Sim was drank with 3 times 3.

7th August, 1824. Mr. Lindsay, *pro Chair.*

Mr. Croft paid a Gallon on the birth of another young golfer, and the health of Mrs. Croft was drank with 3 times 3.

15*th August*, 1824.

Mr. Black, Sen., challenges Mr. Masson for a Gallon. Mr. Black to play with his Putter alone, and Mr. Masson with all his Clubs (accepted).

Lost by Mr. Masson.

28*th August*, 1824. Capt. Cunningham, *Chair.*

An excellent Turtle presented by Mr. Lindsay, whose health was drank with many thanks, etc.

26*th September*, 1824.

Mr. Black offers to play Mr. Hastie one round, out and in, with a quart bottle, to tee his ball every stroke behind where it may lie, and to have 2 strokes for one. Mr. Hastie accepts.

Lost by Mr. Hastie.

2*nd October*, 1824. Capt. Cunningham, *Chair.*

Mr. Murray paid a gallon on the occassion of his marriage.

30*th October*, 1824.

Mr. Black agrees to give Mr. Fennell one and a half strokes in each hole. Accepted.

Lost by Mr. Fennell.

6*th November*, 1824. Mr. Jameson, *pro Chair.*

The Secretary presented a Sovereign to the Club on the birth of a female grand child.

Mr. Lindsay moved the usual allowance to Sharpe the Clubmaker, 3/6 per week during the winter, also 1/6 for hole making, and the health of Captain Cunningham, Field Marshal Jameson, and the Secretary, &c., being duly remembered, adjourned to Saturday, the 2nd April, 1825.

16*th April*, 1825. Capt. Cunningham, *Chair.*

This being the day appointed for the introduction of the Chair elect, Mr. Masson was introduced with all the honors, after Capt. Cunningham's health had been drank with 3 times 3, and cordial thanks for his attention to the best interests of the Club.

James Stein v. Sim playing him with one hand, and getting one stroke each hole.

Lost by Mr. Sim.

28*th May*, 1825. Capt. Masson, *Chair*.

Mr. Walker presented a Gallon on the occassion of the expected marriage of his son in India.

4*th June*, 1825. Capt. Masson, *Chair*.

Medal Day. Mr. Black, Senr., Winner. Score, 106.

Mr. Flemyng gave notice of a motion for next season to appoint Scrutineers on the green, and to receive the candidates' cards at the winning Hole, and to make their report on the ground. Parties equal in strokes to play half round to determine.*

2*nd July*, 1825.

Mr. Robertson challenges Mr. Sim, giving one in the hole, the latter not to use the cleek.

20*th August*, 1825. Capt. Masson, *Chair*.

A very excellent Turtle from Dr. Boxill, whose health was drank with 3 times 3.

17*th August*, 1825.

Mr. Hastie wages a Gallon with Mr. Black that there are not 40 acres of land on Blackheath, *i.e.*, including the whole of the playing ground.

24*th September*, 1825. Capt. Masson, *Chair*.

A very fine Turtle was presented by the Chair from our worthy visitor, Mr. Cornell, whose health was drank with 3 times 3.

1*st October*, 1825. Capt. Masson, *Chair*.

An excellent Turtle from Mr. Lindsay, and well dressed, his health remembered with 3 times 3.

8*th October*, 1825. Mr. Masson, *Chair*.

A very fine Turtle presented by the Secretary, well dressed, and acknowledged in the usual manner.

15*th October*, 1825. Capt. Masson, *Chair*.

A Turtle from Capt. Ferrier, whose health was drank with 3 times 3.

* Mr. Flemyng appears to have been imbued with a prophetic instinct. See minute of 3rd June, 1826.

22*nd October*, 1825. Mr. Masson, *Chair.*

Another Turtle from Capt. Ferrier, whose kind attention to the Society was acknowledged with the usual honors. Received a guinea from Mr. Croft as a compliment on the birth of a golferess, and the health of Mrs. C. drank with 3 times 3.

1*st April*, 1826. Capt. Masson, *Chair.*

The Secretary's accounts were read and confirmed, after which Mr. Walker rose and stated that he had a very painful communication to announce to the Club, namely, the decided resignation of their invaluable Secretary, whose clear and accurate accounts they had now passed for the twentieth time! After truly stating that to the unwearied perseverance, the conciliatory manner, and the high respectability of the excellent Secretary the Club was actually indebted for its existence, Captain Walker added that nothing would have induced him to accept of so hurtful a resignation, but the positive assurance of Mr. Innes "that unless his wishes were complied with, he would withdraw from the Society altogether."

His resignation was accordingly most reluctantly accepted, and his health for his innumerable past services was drank with the enthusiasm it so well merited. The Secretary before leaving a Chair he had so long filled with honor to himself and advantage to the Club, begged to name Mr. Lindsay as his successor. He was handsomely seconded by the Field Marshal, and it appearing to meet the approbation of the rest of the members, Mr. Lindsay took the office upon him and promised to tread (although at an immeasurable distance) in the footsteps (so forcibly imprinted) of his great predecessor.

This meeting was advertized in the *Times* and *Globe*, and Saturday the 15th inst. was appointed for the inauguration of the elective Chairman.

The cash account contains :—

April 1, 1826. *Dr.*	£	*s.*	*d.*
To Cash paid Turtle dressing	9	9	0
Do., College men's beer, 32 Saturdays at 2*s.* 6*d.* .	5	12	0
Do., Sharpe, Clubmaker, 52 Saturdays at 3*s.* 6*d.*.	9	2	0
Do., Alick, Holemaking, 32 do. at 1*s.* 6*d.* .	2	8	0

15*th April*, 1826. Captain Masson, *Chair.*

This being the day appointed for the introduction of the Chairman elect, Mr. Robertson was introduced to Captain Masson, whose health was drank with

every honor, and he received the grateful thanks of the Club for the very effective manner in which he had presided over its interests.

3rd June, 1826. Mr. Cunningham, *Chair*.

Mr. Thomson returned to the Club after an absence of 13 years, and paid his annual subscription.

This being the day appointed for the play for the Medal, the Scrutineers received the Candidates' cards on the green, and reported as follows :—

Mr. Lindsay . .	120	Mr. Black . .	109
Mr. Dobie . .	118	Mr. Masson . .	108
Mr. Duncan . .	114	Mr. Flemyng .	107
Mr. Hastie . .	111	Mr. Cunningham .	107

The two later gentlemen being equal, went half a round (as per minute of 4th June last) which was holed by Mr. Cunningham at 21, by Mr. Flemyng at 19, who was accordingly invested with the Medal, and his health drank with 3 times 3.

Better health to the absent Chair. The Field Marshal's and Secretary's were done ample justice to.

1*st July*, 1826.

Messrs. Fennell and Dobie bet Mr. Lindsay that members of a new Parliament have the privilege of Franking on the day after their election, whenever that may be.

Lost by Fennell and Dobie, Mr. Johnson of the Post Office having brought down an official document.

19*th August*, 1826. Capt. Robertson, *Chair*.

The Secretary's health was kindly received in consequence of a serious accident he had met with in Scotland.

16*th September*, 1826. Capt. Robertson, *Chair*.

Capt. Ferrier brought a couple bottles of Madeira given him at Jamaica by Mr. Felling for the Club, with whom he dined 24th September last. His health was drank in the wine, which was excellent.

21*st April*, 1827. Capt. Robertson, *Chair*.

W. F. Black introduced as elective Chair.

19*th May*, 1827. Mr. Robertson, *Chair.*

The Secretary notified to the Chair the irreparable loss sustained by the Club in the deeply lamented death of Capt. Walker after active and devoted service in it of 32 years. His memory was drank in solemn silence, and the Club was ordered to be put in mourning for three successive Saturdays.

1*st September*, 1827. Mr. Cunningham, *Chair.*

The Secretary announced that the ranks of the Club had been thinned by the death of Capt. Yuille, an old and most respectable member, and out of respect to his memory the Silver Club was ordered to be put in mourning for three successive Saturdays.

13*th October*, 1827.

Mr. Black challenges Mr. Sutherland, the former with the cleek alone, the latter with all his Clubs.

Lost by Mr. Black.

5*th April*, 1828. Capt. Black, *Chair.*

Mr. Innes gave notice of a motion for next Saturday, for a Committee to revise the laws of the Club.

19*th April*, 1828. Capt. W. F. Black, *Chair.*

Mr. Wm. Black inducted Elective Chairman.

26*th April*, 1828. Capt. W. Black, *Chair.*

Mr. Innes moved that the Captain, Medal Holder, and Secretary, be the Committee to revise the laws of the Club, to which the name of Mr. Innes * was added by acclamation.

7*th June*, 1828. Capt. W. Black, *Chair.*

Medal Day. Mr. Cunningham made the lowest score, 104, whereupon he was declared the winner of the medal, and his health was drank with all the honors, but having gone away and so prevented his investiture, it was moved and carried that for so doing the Medal Holder be fined a Gallon.

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* Alexander Innes, Esq.

28*th June*, 1828. Captain W. Black, *Chair*.

Mr. Masson (in the absence of Mr. Innes) moved the Rules as amended by the Committee and now read by the Secretary be the rules of the Blackheath Golf Club, and that they be printed for the use of the members which (being seconded by Mr. Fraser) were put from the Chair and carried *una voce*.

Mr. Masson challenges Capt. Black. Mr. M. playing with a heavy iron, and getting 2 strokes in each hole from Mr. B.

12*th July*, 1828. Capt. W. Black, *Chair*.

The Regulations and Laws of the Club were this day presented to the Members, having been printed by Order of the Club.*

26*th July*, 1828. Capt. Black, *Chair*.

The Medal Holder (Mr. Cunningham) presented to the Club, the Putter used by the author of "Douglas," together with the detail of an original feat of golfing by the Rev. Dr. Carlysle of Inveresk. Whereupon Mr. Cunningham's health was drank with many thanks for his attention, and the Secretary was requested to convey to Mr. Carlysle Bell, W. S. Edinburgh the sense the Club entertained of the value of the gift he had so obligingly forwarded.

2*nd August*, 1828.

Joseph Gordon, Esq., of the Leith and Edinburgh Golfing Society, during Mr. Sutherland's visit in Edinburgh, 14th April, 1828, backed Mr. Masson against Mr. S. that he would beat him 4 holes, which was played this day, and lost by Mr. S. who paid two gallons, the amount of the bet.

6*th September*, 1828.

Mr. Duff challenges Mr. Robertson, giving him half one every short hole, and one every long hole. N.B. The out and the in holes are deemed 1 short, 1 long. On the green, 2 holes deemed short out of the five.

1*st November*, 1828.

Mr. Sutherland challenges Mr. Robertson 3 rounds. Mr. S. giving Mr. R. 2 strokes each hole (long) and 1 each short. The out and in holes to be counted long.

* Vide *infra*, p. 199, *et seq.* for these Rules and Regulations.

4th April, 1829. Capt. Black, *Chair.*

The Secretary communicated to the Chair that during the recess the Club had been deprived by death of their venerable and excellent Field Marshal, Mr. Jameson, whose memory was drank in solemn silence, and the Club was ordered to be put in mourning for three successive Saturdays. The Captain then moved that our long tried friend "The Father of Golf" should be invested with the Field Marshal's Gold Medal, which was done accordingly by the Secretary, and the health and long life of Alexr. Innes, Esq., were drank with well-merited enthusiasm.

25th April, 1829. Mr. Masson, *pro Chair.*

Elective Chairman Mr. Hastie installed.

The badness of the day prevented the worthy Field Marshal from being at his post, and his apology was directed to be inserted in the minutes.

My dear Lindsay,

I regret exceedingly that this cruel rainy Easterly wind should prevent my intention of witnessing the inauguration of our worthy friend Hastie, to whom pray present my best wishes for health and happiness to enjoy the Chair, and, with many apologies to the Club for my (unwilling) absence,

Believe me,

Ever yrs. truly,

Saty. morning. Alexr. Innes.

6th June, 1829. Mr. Robertson, *pro Chair.*

This being the day appointed for the play for the Gold Medal, the members took into consideration the sudden and very severe indisposition of Capt. Hastie, which altogether precluded him from contending for it, and in compliment to so zealous a golfer, and to his rank in the Club, the members agreed that the Captain's Card should be received, along with that of Mr. Cunningham (present Medal Holder) after their play on the 20th inst., until which day it was resolved that the cards already delivered in by the several candidates on the green this day to Mr. Fennell be by him sealed up, and delivered to the Secretary, who shall then report the state of the play, which report shall decide all bets dependent upon it. But it was unanimously declared that the present concession should never be deemed a precedent.

20th June, 1829. Capt. Hastie, *Chair*.

This being the day agreed upon for receiving the cards of the Captain and Medal Holder, those gentlemen went the rounds and delivered their cards to Mr. Fennell. The Secretary upon careful inspection declared the numbers to be as follows . . . . . Mr. Black proving the winner with 106. Capt. Hastie and Mr. Cunningham tied for 2nd place at 110.

5th September, 1829.

Mr. Robertson noticing a great match at Golf to be played on the links of Montrose during the ensuing week, Cruickshank and Bertram versus Hay and Wood, backs the latter party, and Mr. Lindsay takes the former.

Lost by Mr. Robertson.

The following appears in the Minute Book :—

ROLL OF THE BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

SEASON 1829.

	Elected	
Alexander Innes		1790
Robt. Stewart Flemyng . . .	4th May	1805
George Lindsay	19th August	1809
W. Thomson	10th April	1813
Thomas Fennell	30th April	1814
Leslie Finlayson	26th April	1817
John Ritchie	7th June	1817
W. A. Cunningham	26th July	1817
John Masson	26th July	1817
John Robertson	29th April	1820
William Feckney Black . . .	8th July	1820
William Black.	8th July	1820
Robert Stein	5th April	1823
A. H. Sim	24th May	1823
William Boxill, M.D. . . .	3rd April	1824
Archibald Hastie	8th May	1824
John Stewart	31st July	1824
Alexander Dobie	23rd April	1825

	Elected	
William Duff	10th June	1826
Charles Sutherland	26th August	1826
J. E. Hadow	7th April	1827
Honble. William Fraser . . .	14th June	1828
Adam Wilson	14th June	1828
Alexander Willis	26th July	1828
Robert Hastie	26th July	1828
James Kemp	23rd August	1828
Jas. Gordon Duff	4th April	1829
Alexander Hadden	4th April	1829
James Brand	11th April	1829
David Scott	18th April	1829
Gilbert Stuart Bruce . . .	25th April	1829
Thos. Blair (H. C. S.) . . .	23rd May	1829
Hugh M. Drummond . . .	6th June	1829
Charles Arnott	13th June	1829
Peter Cameron (H. C. S.). . .	27th June	1829
Samuel Granger	11th July	1829

17*th April*, 1830. Capt. Hastie, *Chair*.

Capt. Dobie * installed.

24*th April*, 1830. Mr. Fennell, *pro Chair*.

Mr. Hastie gave notice that he would move next Saturday an additional law to be added to the Rules of the Club—"That on the putting green, the party touching his adversary's ball with his club shall lose a stroke."

1*st May*, 1830. Capt. Dobie, *Chair*.

Mr. Hastie's motion of last Saturday was seconded by the Secretary and unanimously adopted.

7*th May*, 1830.

Mr. Hadow bets Mr. Hastie a gallon that on the play for the Medal, Mr. Hastie does not come in 45 strokes ahead of him.

* The Attorney General.

12*th June*, 1830. Capt. Dobie, *Chair.*

An account of the formation of a Golf Club at Dum Dum was read from the Calcutta papers, and "Prosperity to it" given from the Chair with all the Honors. The Secretary was requested to forward to the Captain a copy of the Rules of the Blackheath Club, which was done accordingly, through the medium of our worthy friend, Dr. Ferrier, under the Seal of the Club.

26*th June*, 1830. Capt. Dobie, *Chair.*

His Majesty George IV. having departed this life this morning, His memory was drank in solemn silence.

10*th July*, 1830. Capt. Dobie, *Chair.*

The Secretary moved that Sharpe should belong to the Club on Saturday, and have an additional allowance of 2/6 per diem, for looking after the holes &c., to be charged in the dinner bill; seconded by Mr. Hastie and carried unanimously.

25*th September*, 1830. Mr. Robertson, *Chair.*

Mr. Sutherland, in pursuance of notice given last Saturday, moved that the Tent belonging to the Club be pitched every Saturday during the season near the first hole on the Green, and that Messrs. Masson, Robertson, Dunbar, Sutherland, and the Secretary be a Committee to report how the expenses attendant thereon be defrayed.

2*nd October*, 1830. Mr. Masson, *Chair.*

The Club this day sustained the most severe shock which has assailed it in the memory of its oldest members.

It pleased the Almighty to take unto himself our kind amiable and most attached Field Marshal Alexr. Innes, Esq. who for nearly half a century was a distinguished ornament of the Club, having filled all and each of its high offices with singular credit to himself and such advantage to the Society that to his unwearied exertions it is at the present day indebted for its existence.

Although his precarious state of health prevented his attendance this season, yet was he always with the Club in idea, and continued to the last to feel and express as warm wishes as he ever entertained for its prosperity, and for the individual welfare and happiness of all its members.

The Club was ordered to be put in mourning, and each member to wear crape on the Field and at the Table during the remainder of the season.

The Field Marshal's Badge to remain in abeyance until the first meeting next season, in respect to the Memory of our great Friend and Benefactor ! ! !

16*th October*, 1830. Capt. Dobie, *Chair.*

Mr. Granger moved that the uniform (besides the Jacket) be a Buff Waistcoat and black Hand kerchief.

6*th November*, 1830. Capt. Dobie, *Chair.*

It was moved by Mr. Masson (in conformity to the opinion of the Committee) that the expenses of erecting the Tent be defrayed out of the funds of the Club.

16*th April*, 1831. Capt. Dobie, *Chair.*

The Committee apointed to enquire into the office of Field Marshal, reported that according to the records of the Club, that honor had devolved upon Mr. George Lindsay. The Secretary and the Club having approved of the report, he was invested with the insignia of office, and his health was given with all the honors.

Capt. Boxill was then conducted to the Chair, from which Capt. Dobie retired after receiving the cordial thanks of the members for his unwearied attention to the prosperity of the Society, and the comfort and happiness of each individual. His health was drank with all honors, followed by bumpers to the new Chair and the Secretary.

Capt. Boxill repaired the Silver Club and altered the mode of affixing the Silver Balls, making room for a great number yet to be added.

7*th May*, 1831.

Mr. Robt. Hastie bets the Captain (Boxill) a Gallon that on the play for the Medal his brother Capt. Hastie comes in at or under 110 strokes.

4*th June*, 1831. Capt. Boxill, *Chair.*

Upon motion of the Secretary Capt. Boxill, Messrs. Dobie and Duff, Messrs. Masson, Cameron, Robertson, and Granger were appointed a Committee to enquire into the receipts and expenditure of the Club, and to report as to the

practibility and expediency of establishing a House for the sole purposes of the Club.

The Rev. Mr. Taylor's health was drank on his appointment as Chaplain to the Club, and he was invited to attend as often as he could make it convenient.

23*rd July*, 1831. Capt. Boxill, *Chair.*

Present: 14 members and 14 guests.

Mr. Sutherland presented the Club with a very fine Turtle sent home for the purpose by his brother in Jamaica, and of such a size that notwithstanding the large muster to-day, notice was given from the Chair that sufficient remained for a similar treat next Saturday, to which the numerous guests were hospitably invited, and Mr. Sutherland's good health, with that of his worthy Brother, were given with all the honors.

The Secretary announced the death of a once devoted member of the Club, Mr. G. C. Ruperti, who had twice filled the Chair of the Club, and the Silver Club was ordered to be put in mourning for three successive Saturdays.

30*th July*, 1831. Capt. Boxill, *Chair.*

The Sutherland Turtle was again put upon Table, and Mr. John Sutherland's Health again drank with all the honors.

17*th September*, 1831. Capt. Boxill, *Chair.*

The Rev. Mr. Taylor presented the Club with a handsome Ram's horn Highland Mull, for which he received the thanks of the Club with 3 times 3.

29*th October*, 1831. Capt. Boxill, *Chair.*

The several Defaulters in the Deputy Chair cashed up, and the penalty was resolved to be rigidly enforced in future.

The Bill of the day was paid from the Bets and Fines without any Collection!

In the Cash account appears :—

5*th November*, 1831.—*Dr.*	£	*s.*	*d.*
To Cash paid Collegemens Beer @ 3/6 . .	5	12	0
Do. Alick for holemaking @ 1/6 . . .	2	8	0
Do. Sharp, Clubmaker, @ 5/0	8	0	0
Do. 5 Greenwich Men on Medal Day . . .	0	5	0

7th April, 1832. Capt. Boxill, *Chair*.

The Club was put in mourning for three Saturdays for our lamented member Dr. Bathgate.

The Secretary's accounts were passed on the motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Hastie, when he urgently requested to be allowed to resign an office he had held for six years, deeming the same incompatible with the office of Field Marshal. His resignation was accepted with feelings of sincere regret.

At the unanimous request of the Club, Mr. John Masson consented to discharge the duty of Secretary, and he was appointed accordingly.

28th April, 1832. Capt. Boxill, *Chair*.

After the standing toasts of the Club had been drank, Capt. Boxill intimated his readiness to resign the Chair to his Successor when Capt. William Duff was sworn into office in due form.

On Capt. Boxill's retirement to the private station, the Club rose and drank his health with all the honors, conveying to him at the same time their unanimous and grateful thanks for his unwearied attention and lively interest ever displayed for the benefit of the Club.

19th May, 1832. Capt. Dobie, *pro Chair*.

Upon learning that it was the intention of Capt. W. A. Cunningham to retire to Scotland to be nearer his family, it was proposed by the Secretary and seconded by the Medal Holder (Dobie), that in consideration of Mr. Cunningham's splendid career in this and the Winter Club whilst he showed himself upon the green, he be henceforth enrolled an Honorary Member of this Club. Carried *nem. con.* And as all present are Members of the Winter Club, they expressed their hope that he would be enrolled in like manner in that Club.

13th October, 1832. *Present*, Field Marshal Lindsay, *Chair*.

Rev. John Taylor, *Deputy*.

Who spent, according to their own report, a most enjoyable evening, and as the "Screw elect" of last Saturday (Mr. Dunbar) unfortunately forgot to send an apology, these two "Green old men," in the plenitude of their wisdom, adjudged the said unfortunate Screw to pay this day's Bill, which he did with very great pleasure.

In the Cash account for the year :—

1832.—*Dr.*	£	s.	d.
To Cash paid Collegemens' Beer	5	8	6
Do. Greenwich Men on Medal Day . .	0	5	0

27*th April*, 1833.

Charles Sutherland took the oaths and seat as Captain.

11*th May*, 1833. Capt. Sutherland, *Chair.*

It was moved by Mr. Lindsay and seconded by Mr. Duff that the Tent be pitched near the first hole on the Green every Saturday at an expense not exceeding 2/6 the same to be charged in the dinner bill.

15*th June*, 1833. Capt. Sutherland, *Chair.*

The Golfers at play this day reported, that they had the pleasure of meeting Sir David Baird and Captain Nolan upon the Green, who, after showing their skill as golfers, were invited to partake of the hospitality of the Club, any Saturday which was convenient.

29*th June*, 1833. Capt. Sutherland, *Chair.*

The Snuff Mull the gift of Mr. Longlands being out of order, was repaired by Mr. Murray of Cornhill, gratis, and he expressed his hope that the Club would always give him little Scotch jobs upon the same terms.

6*th July*, 1833. Capt. Sutherland, *Chair.*

It was submitted for consideration that Mr. A. Hastie be fined, as no Medal was forthcoming, although he was the Medal Holder.

13*th July*, 1833. Capt. Sutherland, *Chair.*

In regard to the Medal not forthcoming last Saturday, and now found. The Secretary was desired to search for precedents. He reported that since the Medal was voted in April 1823, only one rule applied to this case, namely, 16th August, 1823 : "That the Medal should be worn on the breast of the Victor every day of his appearance in the Club, a forfeit for neglect."

The feeling of the Club in the case now before them was, that Medal Holder Hastie was fineable a gallon, but as this was the first act of neglect on the part

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CAPTAIN 1833.

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of any Medal Holder, he was not fined, but ordered to be admonished from the Chair to be more circumspect in future, and this to be no precedent for future Medal Holders, but a warning.

31*st August*, 1833. Capt. Sutherland, *Chair*.

A furious day, no Golfing, a violent gale at W.N.W. stove in several panes of glass, and ultimately compelled the Summer Golfers to seek shelter in a snug *Winter* Room.

12*th October*, 1833. Capt. Sutherland, *Chair*.

It was proposed and carried that poor old Alick's allowance be increased to 2/6 per week, and that he be restrained from carrying clubs, and confine himself to taking care of the holes.

The Club felt delighted by the presence of Major Playfair as a visitor. In him they saw the founder of Golfing in the East Indies, and they drank Major Playfair, and the Dum Dum Golf Club with all the honors. The Major in his reply stated that when he left India the number of Golfers throughout that vast territory exceeded 1100.*

In Cash accounts :—

1833.—*Dr.*	£	*s.*	*d.*
To paid Greenwich men on Medal Day - . .	0	5	0

5*th April*, 1834. Capt. Robertson, *Chair*.

Ordered that the letter of Wm. Boxill, Esq., dated 5th March last, be entered upon the Minutes of the Club.

My Dear Sir

I have received your kind note, but if my answer is short, and not well written, you will excuse this, as I am on my back while writing it. On Thursday last the horse ran away with the carriage I was riding in, broke it in pieces, and besides being bruised, my arm is broken in two. If we never meet again, God bless you all. In my Will, made since the accident, I have remembered the Club.—Adieu.

William Boxill.

Woburn Square,
March 5th, 1834.

* Possibly a post-prandial hyperbole.

31*st May*, 1834. Capt. Robertson, *pro Chair.*

Resolved by the members now present, that the Secretary be empowered to negociate for the taking a house in Montpelier Row for the Club, and that they will subscribe £10 each towards the completion of such arrangements subject to the approbation of members absent.

7th June, 1834. Capt. Hadow, *Chair.*

This being the day appointed for the play for the Medal, a strong muster took place. The Green was in superb order, and a splendid sun shone upon 15 candidates who started for the honor, the wind mild from the N.E.

Mr. Robertson and Mr. Burke, *Scrutineers.*

After dinner the Scrutineers retired to examine the cards of the Candidates, and make up the Report of this day's play. Upon their Report being presented to the Secretary, being a revision upon their Scrutiny upon the Green, the result of the play was as follows . . . . Mr. Dunbar and Mr. A. Hastie each 109.

Dunbar and Hastie having come in even, Medal Holder Hastie waived privilege, and played with Mr. Dunbar a half round extra to decide, when they again came in even. The Medal Holder proposed another half round, which was played, and won by Mr. Hastie by one stroke.

Cards of Winners.

Hastie	8	5	8	7	7	35
	9	10	7	7	6	39
	8	7	7	7	6	35
						109
Dunbar	8	7	6	8	7	36
	7	8	6	8	8	37
	8	10	6	6	6	36
						109
Half round						
	Hastie	5	7	5		17
	Dunbar	5	7	5		17

2nd Half round

Hastie	5	8	6	19
Dunbar	6	8	6	20

In favor of Mr. Hastie, 1 stroke.

The healths of the Medal Holder and the beaten horses were drank with all the honors, and the evening was spent with the utmost hilarity and enjoyment.

14*th June*, 1834. Capt. Hadow, *Chair*.

Dr. Ferrier was unanimously elected an honorary Member of the Club, and its thanks were conveyed to him for his gratuitous and kind attention to poor Sharpe, our dying Club Maker.

A letter of gratitude from Sharpe was read. It expressed the great relief to his mind in consequence of the interest of the Golf Club having procured the admission of his son into the Caledonian Asylum. Prosperity to that valuable Institution was drank with Highland honors.

19*th July*, 1834. Capt. Robertson, *Chair*.

The Secretary noticed the sad loss which this Club has sustained by the sudden death of one of the most amiable and excellent members who had ever adorned this Club. And as the mark of respect most esteemed by golfers, it was ordered from the Chair that the Club be put into mourning for the late Mr. Robert Hastie.

23*rd August*, 1834. Capt. Dobie, *Chair*.

The Secretary communicated the death of poor Sharpe our Clubmaker, and that he had taken upon himself to order a decent and economical funeral, at the expense of the Club. The provision necessary for the wants of the Club in respect to a Club Maker, to be taken into consideration when there is a full attendance of members.

Grouse very scarce, no supply.

20*th September*, 1834.

Present, Mr. Burke, solus.

The dinner was good, wine abundant, and the utmost harmony prevailed.

The want of grouse severely felt this day.

4th October, 1834. Capt. Hadow, *Chair*.

Two brace of grouse in excellent order presented to the Club this day by Capt. Cameron, who was declared to be the best shot this season, and the Club regretted that there was no Medal for presentation. The beggar's benison was voted him instead of a Medal.

18th October, 1834. Capt. Hadow, *Chair*.

The Club having observed that the 93rd Highlanders on their march from Canterbury to Weedon Barracks would pass our Golfing ground, directed the Secretary to invite Col. McGregor and the officers of this distinguished Regiment to dine with the Club, which invitation Col. McGregor accepted for as many officers as accompanied the staff of the Regiment on this day. The Club had only to regret that so few appeared at the festive board.

The Secretary announced that Charles Sutherland, one of our Members, had taken unto himself a wife this morning, and that a very abundant supply of champagne and claret was presented to the Club by Mrs. and Mr. Sutherland on the occassion. Their health and every happiness was drank with an enthusiasim which could only be deafened by the powerful and melodious strains of the bagpipes played by the piper of the 93rd Highlanders. Mr. Medal Holder Hastie brought with him to-day Burn's bowl, there was abundance of whiskey to plenish it, and the first fill was dedicated to the health of Col. McGregor and the 93rd Highlanders, and drank with sincere feelings of respect and attachment to this distinguished Corps, which was duly acknowledged by the officers present. The thanks of the sufferers by Flood in the counties of Banff and Moray to the 93rd Highlanders for the very handsome and seasonable donation sent by the service Companies of the Regiment through Captain Spark, were conveyed by Mr. Secretary Masson.

The immortal memory of the late Col. Cameron was proposed in truly eloquent terms by Col. Leith Hay, and drank in solemn silence.

The vocal strength of the Club was eminently conspicuous this evening, and the meeting altogether found so delightful, that it will not easily be surpassed in our Golfing Annals. The Company separated just in time to say they did not break the Sabbath.

16th April, 1835. Capt. Robertson, *pro Chair*.

Suggested that the Tent should be discontinued except upon Medal Days.

7th November, 1835. Capt. Willis, *Chair*.

This being the last day of the season, Mr. Dobie's motion respecting a supply of glass was very speedily cut short by the request of Field Marshal Lindsay to be permitted to make the Club a present of a supply of glass, which permission was immediately given, as being an act every way worthy of a Gentleman holding the distinguished Rank of Field Marshal of the Club.

Thus terminated with the aid of Mr. Robertson and Auld Lang Syne, another happy season in the annals of Golfing upon Blackheath.

28th May, 1836. Capt. Kemp, *Chair*.

Notice of motion from Mr. Dunbar that no Member be allowed to compete for the Medal whose subscription is unpaid.

9th July, 1836. Capt. Kemp, *Chair*.

Notice of motion from Mr. Jopp to alter the 16th Rule of the Laws of the Game.

23rd July, 1836. Capt. Kemp, *Chair*.

Mr. Jopp by leave withdrew his notice of motion, and substituted the following:—That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the expediency of altering the 16th Law of the Game.

29th October, 1836.

Capt. Sutherland the only Golfer present.

Owing to a heavy fall of snow, nearly a foot deep on the heath, no golfing.

29th April, 1837. Capt. Kemp, *Chair*.

This being the day fixed for installing the Captain-Elect, Capt. Kemp performed his remaining duty by proposing the standing toasts of the Club, after which the Field Marshal, in a well merited eulogium, proposed the health of Capt. Kemp, with thanks to him for his able conduct as Captain of the Club. The Secretary then took the Silver Club, demanded the Captain elect to rise, and then marched him under the escort of the Field Marshal to the Chair, where Capt. Kemp received him most cordially. After the obligations usual at this

ceremony were administered in the most solemn manner, Capt. Peter Cameron, of the Honble. East India Company's Marine Service, was duly installed Captain of the Blackheath Golf Club, and his health was drank with Highland honors.

1st *July*, 1837. Capt. Cameron, *Chair.*

It was moved and carried that as next Saturday was appointed for the Funeral of his late Majesty there should be no Golfing, and the Secretary ordered to advertise the same.

28*th April*, 1838. Capt. Cameron, *Chair.*

The very efficient and successful manner in which Capt. Cameron had performed the arduous duties of Captain of the Blackheath Golf Club for the season was sincerely expressed by the Field Marshal, and thanks were most cordially bestowed, and his health drank with Highland honors. The Secretary then took up the Silver Club and desired the Captain elect to rise, when under the escort of the Field Marshal and his tail, he was advanced to the Chair and received most cordially by Capt. Cameron. After the obligations usual at this ceremony were administered by the Secretary in the most solemn manner, Samuel Granger, Esqr., was duly installed Captain of the Blackheath Golf Club, and his health was drank with all the honors.

30*th June*, 1838. Capt. Granger, *Chair.*

Owing to the thin attendance of members the Secretary took upon himself the responsibility of reducing the standing order for dinners to six.

15*th September*, 1838. Capt. Granger, *Chair.*

A supply of choice champagne indicated the marriage of Andrew Jopp, Esqr., and the health of Mr. and Mrs. Jopp, with a suitable supply of Golfers for their ways and means was drank with all the honors.

6*th October*, 1838. Capt. Granger, *Chair.*

The Club partook of a fine turtle which was sent to the Green Man by the Secretary and Mr. Dunbar, a joint offering afforded them by the remembrance of a friend in Grenada.

20*th October*, 1838. Capt. Cameron, *pro Chair.*

The Secretary this day produced the accounts of the Club which could not be closed, as owing to the thin attendance of members during the season arrears had occurred, and the audit was differed, it being however evident that the Club was not in debt. From the continued thin attendance of members this meeting strongly recommends trying the experiment of Monthly Meetings in the Winter Club, say the 2nd Saturday in each month, and if found to answer, then they resolve that this Club should adopt the same system.

3*rd November*, 1838. Capt. Granger, *Chair.*

This being the last meeting of the season, the Captain's health was drank with all the honors, and thanks given to him for his most marked attention, urbanity and kindness.

Thus ended another season in the annals of golfing. Happy to meet. Sorry to part. Happy to meet again.

Saturday, 27*th April*, 1839. Capt. Granger, *Chair.*

This being the day appointed for the installation of the Captain ; After the standing toasts of the Club were disposed of, the Field Marshal proposed the health of Captain Samuel Granger, adding the thanks of the Club to him, for the very able and efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of Captain of the Club for the past season. Drank with 3 times 3, and one cheer more for Mrs. Granger. The Secretary bearing the Silver Club preceded the venerable Field Marshal, summoned Duncan Dunbar, Esqr., and marshalled him, *en detour*, from his humble station, to the left of the Chair, when the Field Marshal introduced him to Captain Granger as his Successor by whom he was most cordially received. After the usual obligations were administered to him by the Secretary, he kissed the Club, and was installed Captain for the season, whereupon his health was drank with all the honors.

Saturday, 18*th May*, 1839. F. M. Lindsay, *Chair.*

It was proposed and carried that the Medal be played for on Saturday, 8th June, if convenient to Medal Holder Anderson, and notice be given as heretofore.

Saturday, 1*st June*, 1839. Capt. Dobie, *Chair*.

The Secretary presented to the Club a portrait of "Old Alick"* painted by Mr. Gallen of Greenwich School, and also a painting of a celebrated caddie on Bruntsfield Links.

15*th June*, 1839. Capt. Dunbar, *Chair*.
Medal Day.

The Poet Laureate of this Club, Mr. Jerdan, having appeared to-day, his health was drank with due honor. He returned thanks in a luminous speech, in which he cited the following information he had tumbled upon in his literary

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* This worthy, "Alick" Brotherson, ended his days as a caddy, and latterly, hole maker, to the Club. He died in 1840. The following appears in his own writing on a sheet of paper fastened to the back of Mr. Gallen's picture:—

"A list of the ships Alick Brotherson has sailed in during the late war:

Princess of Wales	Capt. Ellison. (in the year 1779.)
Santa Margarita	
Victory	Adml. Geary.
Neptune	Capt. Fryer.
Asia	Capt. Mitchell.
Loch William Frigate	Capt. Stopford.
Leda Frigate	Capt. Campbell.
Berwick	Capt. Campbell.
Terrible	Capt. Campbell.
Dragon	Capt. Campbell.
Temeraire	Adml. Campbell.
St. Joseph	Sir Charles Cotton.
Ville de Paris	Ld. Gardiner.
Caledonia	Ld. Gambier.
Agincourt	Adml. Campbell.
Prince of Orange	Adml. Campbell.

"The first of his going to sea was in the year 1769 from Leith.
"Was born in year 1756."

The spelling in the list is corrected. The "old salt" wrote down names as he pronounced them: "Ashey" for *Asia*; "Ledy" for *Leda*; "Dragan" for *Dragon*; "Vile de Pary" for *Ville de Paris*, etc.; and always "Camell" for Campbell.

The figures in the background of "old Alick's" picture are noteworthy, as showing the playing costume of the golfers of that day.

"OLD ALICK."
(*From an oil painting.*)

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labors, which may be deem'd authentic as to the first mention of Golf in Law. "Golf is probably from the Teutonic Kolbe, a club, Kolf in low Dutch is a game. By a Scotch Act of Parliament 1424 prohibiting Games that interfered with archery and other military sports, Football is prohibited, and no mention is made of Golf. By another Act of Parliament of 1457, Football and Golf are prohibited, so that it seems likely the Game was introduced between those dates, or perhaps became popular after Football was forbidden."

Capt. Dunbar won the Medal. Score, 104.

2nd November, 1839. Capt. Dunbar, *Chair.*

A splendid Haunch of Venison was presented by the landlord Mr. Whitmarsh, Junr., on the occassion of its being the first season of his acceptance of this hotel (the Green Man), and the Captain thanked him for his compliment to the Club, drinking his health, and prosperity to his new undertaking, for which Mr. Whitmarsh returned thanks in the most suitable terms. The Captain of the Club washed down the Venison with splendid Champagne of his own, for which he was thanked, and bumpered in Golfing style. Thanks were bestowed upon the Field Marshal for condescending to act as Secretary *pro tem.*, and regret expressed for the absence of the Secretary. Thus ended another season in the annals of Golfing.

4th April, 1840. Capt. Dunbar, *Chair.*

The death of the Hole Maker was announced, and Sexton, the senior efficient Club bearer, was elected in his stead.

6th June, 1840. Capt. Cameron, *Chair.*

Medal Day.

D. Dunbar and G. G. Anderson 111 each. Thereupon it was announced that Medal Holder Dunbar was the winner, and his health was drank with all the honors.

20th June, 1840. Field Marshal Lindsay, *pro Chair.*

The Club received this day a very handsome Cork Screw from Mr. Sim, an old member, returned from abroad, and thanks were bestowed to him for his foresight, in providing an efficient instrument, likely to be called into action, so long as the Club endures, and his health was drank with enthusiasm.

11*th July*, 1840. Capt. Masson, *Chair*.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson & seconded by Mr. Masson that in playing for the Medal, The Medal Holder may select any Member he may please to play with and that the numbers for the other candidates be put into a Hat or glass and draw the chance of Partners for the play of that day, namely that No. 1 shall play with No. 2, No. 3 with No. 4, and so on.

18*th July*, 1840. Field Marshal Lindsay, *Chair*.

Motion of last Saturday as to play for the Medal confirmed.

1*st August*, 1840. Capt. Granger, *Chair*.

The Club record their unfeigned sorrow for the Death of John Hastie, Esqre. and order the Club be put into mourning.

19*th September*, 1840. Capt. Granger, *Chair*.

An ample supply of game from Captn. Hadden including a Grey Hen for the Field Marshal. His health was drank with all the honors.

The following is the Roll of the Members of the Club appearing on the first page of the present volume of the minutes of the Club. The first twenty-five names appear in the Roll of 1829. The last survivor of the members on this, 1840, Roll, Sir Hugh Hume Campbell, died on the 30th January, 1894.

	Elected	
Robert Stewart Flemyng, one of the Trustees	4th May	1805
George Lindsay, ditto and Field Marshal	19th August	1809
Thomas Fennell	30th April	1814
W. A. Cuningham	26th July	1817
John Masson	26th July	1817
William F. Black	8th July	1820
William Black	8th July	1820
A. H. Sim	24th May	1823
William Boxill, M.D., one of the Trustees	3rd April	1824

	Elected	
Archibald Hastie, M.P.	8th May	1824
Alexr. Dobie	23rd April	1825
William Duff	10th June	1826
Charles Sutherland	26th August	1826
J. E. Hadow	7th April	1827
Honble. Wm. Fraser	14th June	1828
Adam Wilson	14th June	1828
Alexr. Willis	26th July	1828
James Kemp	23rd August	1828
Jas. Gordon Duff	4th April	1829
Alexr. Hadden	4th April	1829
James Brand	11th April	1829
H. M. Drummond	6th June	1829
Charles Arnott	13th June	1829
Capt. Peter Cameron	27th June	1829
Samuel Granger	11th July	1829
Duncan Dunbar	10th April	1830
James Smith	24th April	1830
Charles Lewis	24th April	1831
John Fredk. Stoddart	20th April	1833
Robert Stewart, M.P.	4th May	1833
John Dale	1st June	1833
P. W. Flower	18th June	1833
G. B. Robinson	18th May	1833
W. E. Burke	April	1834
G. G. Anderson	4th April	1834
Major Genl. Cluland	19th July	1834
James Blair	11th April	1835
John Sutherland	27th July	1835
Andrew Jopp	9th April	1836
A. H. Irvine	7th May	1836
John Sprott	26th May	1836
Alexr. Ross	8th April	1837
Capt. Chrystie, Hon. Mem.		
John Hall	12th May	1838
James Smith	12th May	1838

	Elected	
Dr. Archibald Stewart	1st June	1839
Robt. Alexr. Gray	9th May	1840
George Rose Innes	23rd May	1840
Sir Hugh Hume Campbell, Bart., M.P. . .	13th June	1840
E. Horsman, M.P.	13th June	1840
Wm. Black Tertius	18th July	1840

1*st May*, 1841. Capt. Lewis, *Chair*.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Meetings of this Club be monthly after this day instead of weekly, and it was decided that the meetings be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

8*th May*, 1841. Capt. Lewis, *Chair*.

It was unanimously carried that as the meetings of the Club are to be monthly hereafter, that the first Saturday in each of the summer months be the future days of meeting at dinner for the remainder of the season. It being understood that the Medal day and the first Saturday of November shall be extra meetings.

3*rd July*, 1841. Capt. Granger, *Chair*.

No apology from Mr. Kemp (screw elect for dinner of previous Saturday) and he was fined a gallon.

2*nd October*, 1841. Capt. Lewis, *Chair*.

The Secretary presented a gallon from the Captain of the New South Wales Golf Club, Alexr. Brodie Spark, Esq., on the occassion of the birth of a son and heir, when the health of Mrs. Spark and the young Golfer was drank with all the honors.

Field Marshal Lindsay proposed and Captain Cameron seconded that A. B. Spark, Esqre., be henceforth an honorary Member of this Club, which was carried unanimously, and the Secretary was requested to announce the same to him.

The Wine account of the Club, which had been running since 1828, was this year closed, the Balance due to the Secretary being made up by contributions from Past Captains of the Club.

7th May, 1842. Capt. Lewis, *Chair.*

Mr. Anderson proposed & Mr. Hall seconded the alteration of the dinner hour to six o'clock precisely. Dinner to be on table at that hour, and dinner bill to be called for ¼ before 9 o'clock, so that the Club Meeting terminate at 9. Carried *nem. con.*

4th June, 1842. Capt. Anderson, *Chair.*

Medal Day. G. G. Anderson, Winner, 108.

Mr. Parker presented a Dozen of Champagne on the birth of a young Golfer, the health of Mrs. Parker and the young Golfer was drank with all the honors.

2nd July, 1842. Capt. Anderson, *Chair.*

The Motion of the Honble. Fox Maule to alter the Medal Course to the ground over the Pits was brought forward, and after full discussion it was deemed most expedient not to hazard the prescriptive right of the Club, from use and wont for a Century, by altering the Medal Course of the Golf Club, and it was suggested, in order to meet the wishes of the proposer and supporters of this motion, that the proposed alteration of the Course for the Medal play be tried on the play for the Winter Medal, and that this Club recommend the Winter Golf Club to adopt this course with a view to unanimity.

6th August, 1842. Field Marshal Lindsay, *Chair.*

No apology from Mr. Kemp, and he had the honor to be fined (a gallon).

The Club having noticed that a Golf Club had been established at Bombay, ordered a Bumper to be filled to drink success and perpetuity to the Bombay Golf Club, and directed the Secy. to communicate this notice of the New Golfing Society, and send a Copy of the Laws of the Blackheath Golf Club, with the intimation that their Captain was *ex officio* an Hony. Member of the Blackheath Golf Club, which he did in following manner, viz. :—

LIME ST. SQUARE, LONDON,
29 *Augt.*, 1842.

To GEORGE BUIST, ESQ., L.L.D.,
Bombay.

SIR,

At the Monthly Meeting of the Blackheath Golf Club, held at the Green Man Hotel, Blackheath, on Saturday, the 6th Augt., the attention of the Club was drawn by their Secy. to the announcement in the *Bombay Times* of the

Establishment of a Golf Club at Bombay, which caused the most heartfelt satisfaction.

It was resolved that the Blackheath Golf Club do immediately congratulate their countrymen on the formation of a Golfing Society at Bombay, and transmit to them forthwith a copy of the Laws of the Game and the Regulations of the Blackheath Golf Club (believed to be the oldest Golfing Society in the Kingdom), with the expression of the Club's most anxious wishes for the prosperity and perpetuity of the Bombay Golf Club, and at same time to intimate that the Captain of the said Club is, *ex officio*, an Honorary Member of the Blackheath Golf Club.

Rendezvous of the Blackheath Golf Club, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath, every Saturday throughout the year. Play at one o'clock. Dinner Meetings monthly, viz.: Summer season from 1 April to 1 November, the first Saturday in every month. Winter season, from 1 Novr. to 31 March. The second Saturday in every month.

In transmitting to you the foregoing Resolution of the Blackheath Golf Club, with a copy of the Laws of the Game and the Rules of said Club, I hope I shall not be considered as exceeding the Bounds of my duty in handing to you also a list of the Toasts of the Blackheath Golf Club, and a copy of a song composed by their Poet Laureate (W. Jerdan, Esq., Editor of the *Literary Gazette*) upon the occassion of his first seeing the game of Golf played.

Steam communication brings you at a come-atable distance, and when something more becomes to be known of the Prowess of your members it is possible that challenges from one club to the other may be given and taken, when each will become better acquainted with the respective Links, and whenever it suits the Bombay Golf Club to send a deputation of its members to throw down the Gauntlet on Blackheath, they may be assured that it will be gladly taken up, and that when the toils of the Game are over, Hospitality shall reign triumphant for the remainder of the day. The precision of steam communication warrants the indulgence of such challenges being realised.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your very obedient servt.,
JOHN MASSON,
Secretary.

During the recess on the 6th December, 1842, the answer of the Secretary of the Bombay Golf Club was received by the Secretary of the Blackheath Golf Club, of which the following is a copy :—

BOMBAY,
5th Octr., 1842.

THE SECRETARY OF THE GOLF CLUB,
Blackheath, London.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 29th August, conveying the kind and courteous messages of the Blackheath Golf Club, and the gratifying information that the Captain of the Bombay Golf Club had been declared an *ex officio* member of your ancient and distinguished body. I lost no time in laying the various papers contained in your enclosure before the Captain and Council, and am directed by them to request that you will convey to the Field Marshal, Captain, Office Bearers and other members of the Blackheath Golf Club, the expression of the gratification with which your communication has been received, and the ardent sympathy with which it is now reciprocated. You very properly remark that the precision of steam communication warrants you in expectation that the challenges offered by the Blackheath Club to the Bombay players may be realized, and in a similar view the Bombay Golf Club has resolved that a Medal shall be played for on St. Andrew's day, open to the competition of Golfers of all nations, and clubs, without distinction ; and in order to consult the conveniencies of members of Deputations, I have been directed to find accomodation free of charge, for a period of six months, to any gentleman who may arrive from your Club, on Golfing Deputation to Bombay. The desert betwixt Cairo and Suez affords about 54 miles of excellent play ground, where holes will be cut for the use of members of Deputations and other Golfers on their way to and from India. It would ill become so juvenile an institution trained under the relaxing climate of India to presume to take the initiative in sending players on deputation to Blackheath, but so soon as we are visited by a deputation from you, arrangements will be made by members to present themselves to your ancient body without delay ; meanwhile Mr. John Smith, Junior Member of Council, proceeds to Egypt by the steamer of the 1st November, and will make necessary arrangements for overland Golfing communication. He will remain at Cairo from the 20th November to the 1st December, and thence proceed to Alexandria where he hopes to hear from you. He will then proceed to Greece, there being celebrated putting ground and holes at Corinth, and excellent hazards at Thermopylæ. He will be on the

plains of Marathon from Christmas to New Year's Day, and will it is hoped be enabled there to have a match with some of your players. The Pyramids and Marathon present good points for matches, the ground is favorable and the locality is sufficiently known to prevent players from missing each other. Thebes is somewhat out of the way, and Zahara is rather dry and sandy. Golf has been recommended by some of our most distinguished Medical Men in this Presidency, as a sovereign remedy for Pulmonary Complaints, it promotes the action of the breast, and is thus favorable for matrimony, and is excellent for bad liver. Single Golfers begin to be considered equal to two ordinary men, in power and general efficiency, and when the game becomes general the India Company will be found to have doubled the strength of their Army, without increase of numbers or cost. In conclusion when it is considered that the first notice of the Game of Golf as practised at Bombay, which ever appeared in print, and which has secured for the Golf Club here, the alliance of that at Blackheath, was dispatched by the same packet which carried home General Pollock's account of the forcing of the Khyber Pass and Sir Robert Sale's victory at Jellalabad, and that the present treaty of amity and alliance accompanies the account of the forcing of Tezeen, the destruction of Ghuznee and fall of Cabool, the close of the China War and glorious pacification of India, the introduction of the Game of Golf into our Eastern empire, will hereafter be associated with some of the most illustrious and memorable events which illuminate the page of History.

With warmest recollections of the hospitalities which I have partaken at the Green Man, Blackheath, and every expression of consideration and regard,

I have the honor to be Sir,
Your most obedt. sert,
GEORGE BUIST,
Secy. Bombay Golf Club.

12*th August*, 1843.

Moved and carried in Committee that the house No. 3 in College Place, Royal Hill, be taken as a temporary Golf House for 6 months at the Rent of £15 for the half year.

Saturday, 4th November, 1843.

This was the last meeting of the Club this season at which none attended but the venerable Field Marshal Lindsay, who thus proved himself "the fine Green Old Man like our sign," "keeping the sod for an age in health under his feet."

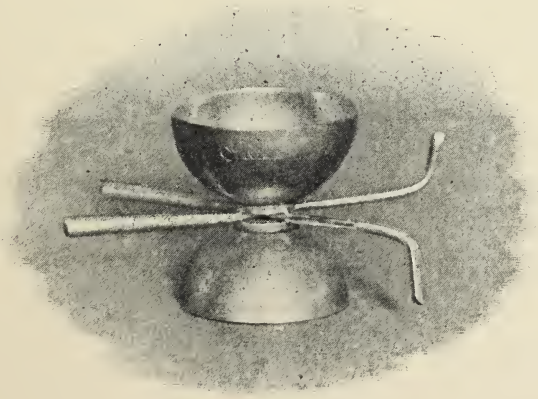
Since the closing of this season the Secretary has received a letter from the Secretary of the Bombay Golf Club, which he now copies into the Minute Book :—

BOMBAY,
2 *Octr.*, 1843.

MY DEAR SIR,—I sent you by the steamer of the 17th July, in charge of Lieut. Duncan of the Bengal Service, a Medal resolved by the Bombay Golf Club to be presented to their Blackheath Brethren, and by them bestowed as considered most expedient in testimony of the cementation of the treaty of eternal friendship betwixt the two august bodies. I have every reason to believe that this must have been lost on the occassion of the wreck of the *Memnon*, from which no property whatever appears to have been saved.

I am now once more directed to avail myself of the services of Colonel Cannan to carry to you another Medal, a duplicate of the former, and to request that you will do us the honor of presenting it to the Club. I hope to be enabled shortly to write you at great length on the progress of golfing in Western India. Meantime remember me particularly to Mr. Lindsay, Mr. W. Black, and any others to whom I may be known, and

Believe me,
Yours truly,
GEORGE BUIST.



SILVER QUAICH,
Presented by Mr. John Masson, 1825.

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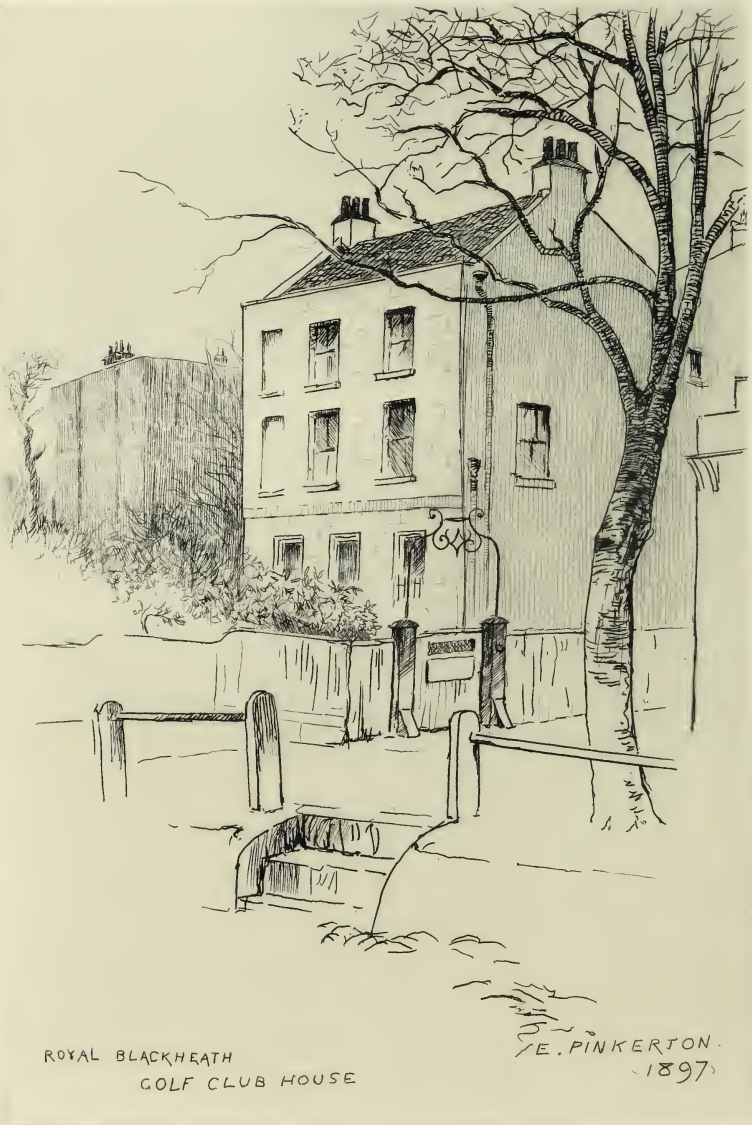
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PART V.

THE BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB FROM 1844.

MANY things concurred to mark a new departure in the history of this Club from the year 1844. Mr. John Masson, who had acted as secretary since 1832, resigned his office. The Winter Golf Club, of which Mr. Masson had acted as Registrar for seventeen years, was dissolved early in this year, and its legacy—to wit, the old Medal of the Knuckle—was received by this Club, becoming known thenceforth as the Spring Medal of the Blackheath Golf Club. With the death of the Blackheath Winter Golf Club came the extension of the season of this Club to the whole year, and, true to its traditions, it reckoned that season to commence in April, with the first of which month the Club year commences at the present time.

It also happened that in this year of grace—1844—the Club altered its course from a five to a seven-hole one. The monthly dinners were abolished, new regulations of the Club and rules of the game were drawn up and approved of: in fine, the constitution of the Club was moulded into the form which, with slight changes from time to time, it has retained to

the present day. The new regulations and rules emanated from Major H. Jelf Sharp, who was elected a member on the 1st July, 1843, and appointed honorary secretary and treasurer to the Club in the following year.

Probably some change in the constitution of the Club was needed about this time. Certainly the one that came did good, and it may be confidently asserted that to no one is the Club under a deeper debt of gratitude than to Major Jelf Sharp, for the energy and clear-sighted judgment with which he seized the opportunity, and laid down well-considered lines for the Society to proceed on.

Between the years 1844 and 1854 the influx of new members was a large one, including many names widely known in other fields besides that of Golf.

As has been mentioned above, the Club in 1843 took a house in College Place, Royal Hill. This could hardly have been found a very convenient situation, and accordingly we are not surprised to find that in 1849 a move was made to a house close to the top of Blackheath Hill. From this the Club moved again in 1865, into a house a little lower down Blackheath Hill, which has since continued to be the club house, and to which, in 1869, a fine billiard room was added, thanks in a great measure to the exertions of George Glennie and J. Lindsay Bennet. The front of this present club house is shown in the etching by Mr. Pinkerton which faces page 117 above.

Succeeding Major Jelf Sharp as honorary secretary and

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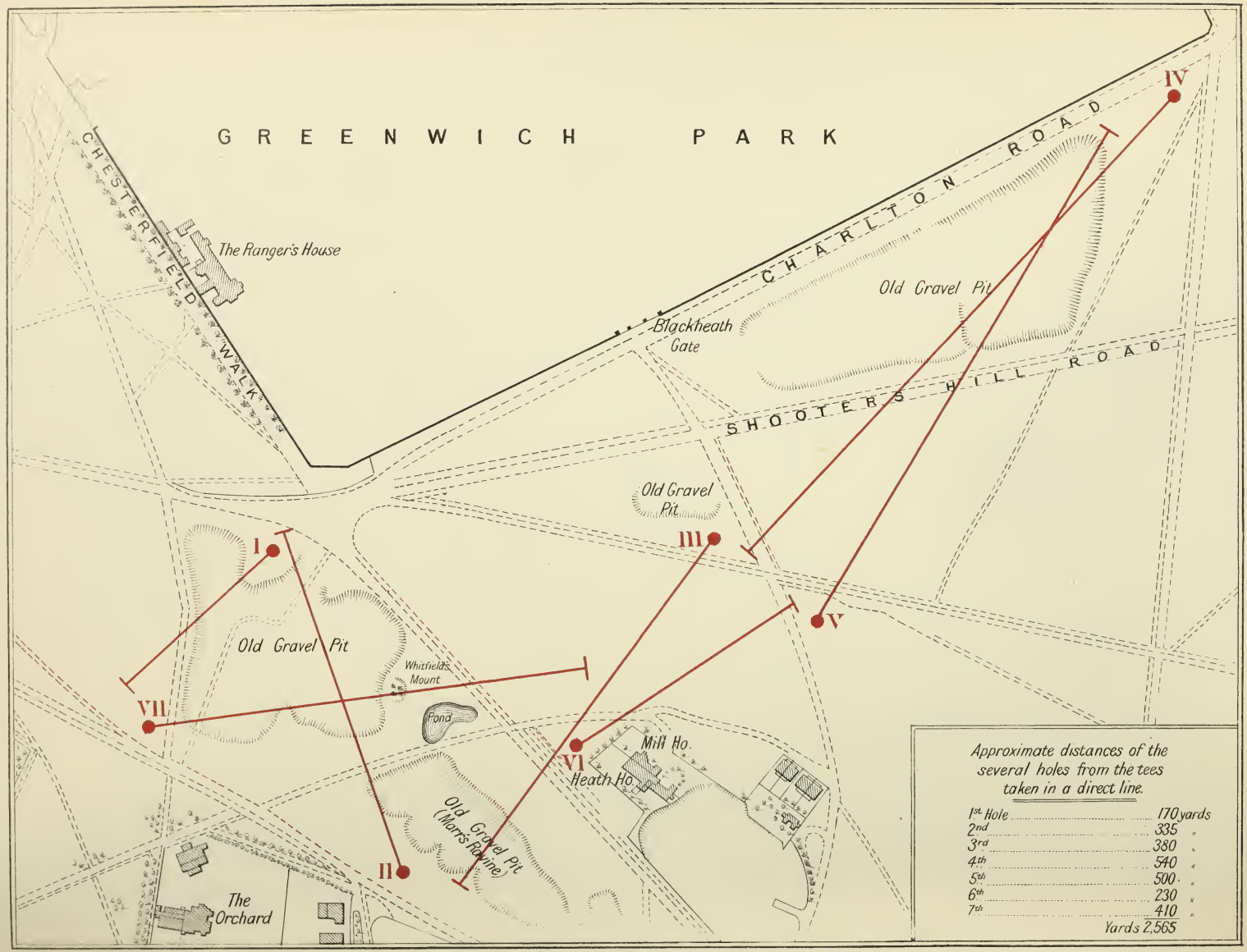


PLAN OF THE BLACKHEATH GOLF LINKS.

treasurer, came Capt. Thomas Crosse, who worked indefatigably in those offices for the good of the Club up to the day of his death. Following him we have George Glennie, elected honorary secretary and treasurer 29th August, 1868. He devoted himself heart and soul to the welfare of the Club, and also died in harness on the 26th March, 1886. His name will stand indissolubly linked with the history of Golf so long as either this Club or the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrew's shall continue to exist.

Both Capt. Crosse and George Glennie filled the chair of the Club in their time, the former in 1856, the latter in 1862 and 1863, and amongst other past captains now gone from among us, Francis Grant, R.A., and Archibald Hamilton may be mentioned, as benefactors to the Club. With regard to the past captains and other officers of the Club who are still with us, it would seem invidious to select any for special notice, so their acts and deeds shall be left to be gathered from our extracts from the records.

To the course as altered in 1844 the Club has kept ever since; some modifications have been made from time to time, but it has always remained a seven-hole course, and practically the same length round. The accompanying plan shows the present position of the holes on Blackheath. It will be seen from this plan that the old gravel pits and the existing roads —such roads being mostly one or two feet below the level of the heath—are taken advantage of as hazards to guard the

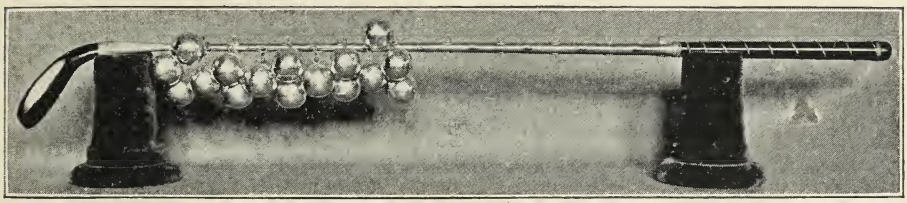
holes, and to punish a too strongly played approach shot. The fourth and fifth holes are long ones, in a direct line from tee to hole, such line going through a disused gravel pit; when, as occasionally happens, it is expedient to skirt this pit in play, the distance from tee to hole becomes, of course, materially increased.

A glance at the scores for the Spring and Summer Medals from the year 1844 shows a steady improvement in play. No doubt the earlier scores were made with feather balls; still, the course has certainly, especially of late years, become easier. Deep hollows in the pits have been filled up, steep banks sloped down, and whins uprooted or burnt year after year.

It may be mentioned in passing that at the date of the alteration of the course on Blackheath, seven was the number of the holes on several of the courses in the north. The concluding game of the great match in 1849—Alan Robertson and old Tom Morris against the Brothers Willie and Jamie Dunn—was played over the (then) seven-hole course at North Berwick.

The Brothers Dunn aforesaid were in the employment of this Club as professionals, between the years 1851 and 1865; after them came Charles Hunter, of Prestwick; then Bob Kirk, to whom followed, as in order named, J. Manzie, C. Thomson, and W. Anderson. The present professional and clubmaker to the Club is George Brews, who has acted as such for nearly seven years, to the mutual satisfaction of both parties to the agreement.

The Club in 1844 was the possessor of two scratch gold medals, the Spring and the Summer, and has since come into the possession of three more—the Bombay Silver Medal, the Gold Medal of the Blackheath Photographic Society, and the George Glennie Gold Medal. The Club has also had presented to it, or has endowed itself with, five Silver Cups, namely: the Calcutta, the Singapore, the Penn, the Knill, and the Adam. All the Medals and Cups above mentioned are challenge, and



SILVER AND EBONY CLUB MADE IN 1865, WITH SILVER BALLS AFFIXED BY THE CAPTAINS AFTER THAT YEAR.

played for annually in scoring competitions, the medals at scratch, and the cups under handicap, limited to twenty-one strokes.

In 1866, there being no room for more balls to be attached to the shaft of the old Silver Club, a silver and ebony club was made for the Society, to the shaft of which club is attached a silver ball by each successive captain since the last-mentioned year.

Following the modern golfing custom, the Club in 1883 instituted competitions for a monthly medal under Club handicap.

In April of this present notable year of 1897 the Club received from Mr. Richard Winch the gift of a handsome Silver Cup, which it was decided should bear the name of the "Diamond Jubilee Challenge Cup," and should be played for annually in a single tournament, by match play, under handicap.

Some mention should be made of the dinners of the Club. By the Rules of 1844, the Dinner Meetings were reduced to the number of seven for each year, and this number was subsequently further reduced. The Rules of 1879 lay down that the principal Club Dinners shall be held on the Medal Days, then four in number; the rule, to carry out the letter of which it is obvious must have been difficult, being still retained, viz. :—

"That all bets or matches made at Club Dinners and Dinner Meetings shall be for the benefit of a Dinner Fund to be expended at the discretion of the Competitors."

The custom seems to have grown up—for we find no rule upon the subject—that the Dinner Meetings of the Club should be five in each year. The Annual or Anniversary Dinner, held (usually at some hotel in Greenwich) on the Spring Medal Day, guests being present at this dinner; and four other dinners—the "Wee Dinners,"—each on one of the remaining four Medal Days of the year, held at the club house, members only dining on these occasions.

As time passed on, the practice of making bets at the dinners

went out of fashion, and the custom came in of members challenging one another at the "Wee Dinners," to matches for smaller stakes than the old gallon of claret, or guinea. These "Dinner Matches" grew numerous, and from October, 1866, details of them all are carefully recorded by the Secretary in "Dinner Match" books, heading the earliest of which appears:—

"All matches made at the Dinners are understood to be for 5/– if Singles, and 10/– if Foursomes. The Challengers in every match made, to pay 2/6 as a deposit, which is forfeited if the match is not played within six months from the time of being made.

"All bets made at the dinner table to be for the benefit of the dinner fund.

"Jas. Lindsay Bennet,
"*Captain.*
"*Octr.*, 1866."

A "Dinner Fund" grew up, distinct from the general funds of the Club. This fund, together with the general subject of dinner matches, was finally legislated for at a Special General Meeting held on the 3rd of June, 1886.*

For the benefit of those who are not members of this Club, it may be explained, in reference to the working out of a Blackheath Dinner match at the present day, that, if it is played and the challenger wins, he is recouped the amount of his stake by the loser; if the challenger loses, nothing passes between the players, but the honorary secretary retains the deposit for the benefit of the "Wee Dinner" fund, to which

* *Vide infra*, p. 157.

fund the deposit also becomes forfeited, if the match is not played within six months from the date of the challenge.

Before leaving the subject, we would fain put on record some portion of the obligation which diners of late years are under to Thomas Marsh, for constant attendance at the board in the dual capacity of "Clerk of the Matches" and Poet Laureate of the Club; and would also express our sense of the loss sustained when H. H. Turner left Blackheath to fill his professorial chair at Oxford, and the contributions from his versatile genius to the amusement of the evening were withdrawn from the "Wee Dinners" of the Blackheath Golf Club.

Yet another custom of the Club not set forth in the rules, but necessarily conducive to good fellowship among the members, is that which ordains that on each club day, excepting, of course, days upon which any competition is held, every member appearing at the club house by a stated time, varying with the season of the year and fixed by the committee, having regard to the arrival of the trains from town, shall be sure of having a match.

In writing about any Green at the present day, it seems generally necessary to state some record performances achieved upon it, so, premising that we pay no attention to records not made in scoring competitions of the Club, we would mention that F. S. Ireland's score of 101, made when playing for the Summer Medal on the 18th of June, 1895, is the record of the Green, and his score of 31 for the first round of seven holes,

made on the same day, is a record for the seven holes. F. S. Ireland also established a record by winning all the five scratch medals in one club year, viz., from the 1st of April, 1894, to the 31st of March, 1895. Another record, and we think a remarkable one, is, that the present Field Marshal of the Club, Col. E. H. Kennard, won the Spring Medal in 1853, and that in 1883 he again won the same medal—an interval of thirty years: so it is very possible that this record may take some time to beat.

In the extracts from the minutes which follow, notices of gifts of medals to other golf clubs will be found. These are inserted with the view to put on record that this Club, after standing alone in the south for generations, was prompt to lend a hand to any young golfing society springing into existence "furth of Scotland." Mr. Andrew Lang, writing in the "Badminton Golf Book" in 1890, puts it somewhat stronger than this, as he says: "Blackheath was the mother of Bombay, Westward Ho! Wimbledon (with its two clubs), and Hoylake. Thence sprang golf all over England." There is no doubt that various medals were presented by this Club, of which it has kept no record. Set out below is a letter from the Calcutta Golf Club* relative to a medal given to them by this Club, of which no mention appears in the Blackheath records. Similarly, we find no mention of challenge medals or badges, still played

* Page 145.

for by the Royal North Devon and Royal Liverpool Clubs, which were presented to them by this Club or by members thereof.

In 1847 a Boys' Medal was presented by John Hall, captain of the Club. This medal was played for by boys resident or at school at Blackheath or the neighbourhood. The original conditions for the competition are not to be found. The competition continued an annual one from 1847 up to 1869, after which date it was discontinued until the year 1893, when it was revived; new regulations to govern it being settled in 1895.*

Until the second half of the century had begun to roll away there existed no golf club in the south with which this Club could try conclusions in an inter-club match. In the sixties we find matches played with the London Scottish Golf Club, and, much later on, several friendly matches played with the Royal Artillery (Woolwich) Golf Club. During J. G. Gibson's captaincy of the Club, 1891–92 and 1892–93, home and home matches were arranged and brought off with both the Oxford and Cambridge University Golf Clubs. The matches with Oxford, for no very apparent reason, have fallen through; those with Cambridge, except when prevented by snow, have been brought off annually, the result being that Blackheath has always won on the Heath, and the University golfers have done the same on Coldham Common, with the single exception of the year 1894, when they suffered defeat by seven holes.

* *Vide infra*, p. 167.

Proceeding again to the minutes, etc., we find :—

1844.

In the month of February of this year, The Winter Club was unanimously dissolved, and the Medal belonging to that Club was presented to, and accepted by, the Summer Golf Club, which met for the first time on the 6th April, when Major Jelf Sharp gave notice that he would submit a series of resolutions, at the next meeting, for the consideration and decision of the Club.

4th May, 1844.

At a General Meeting, Major H. Jelf Sharp proposed the resolutions of which he had given notice at the last meeting, and a copy of which had been sent to every member of the Club. They were seconded by Mr. Grant, and after some trifling amendments, were put to the vote by the Chairman and declared to be unanimously carried, to the following effect, viz :—

Blackheath Golf Club. *4th May*, 1844.

1st Resolution.—That it is absolutely necessary for the future welfare of this Club that the Regulations of the Society of Golfers, and the Laws of the Game, by which it is governed should be entirely revised so as to assimilate more to the Golf Clubs of Scotland.

2nd Resolution.—That the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th, 8th and 11th Regulations be for that end rescinded.

3rd Resolution.—That the Winter Golf Club being now dissolved, this Club be extended to the whole year, and that the annual subscription be for the present Three Guineas, payable in advance on the Spring Medal Day, the second Saturday in March. Entrance One Guinea.

4th Resolution.—That the principal Club Dinners be held on the Medal Days, which shall be the second Saturday in March, and the second Saturday in June, unless the Committee, giving due notice, find it necessary to alter them ; and that dinner meetings likewise take place on the second Saturday in December, January, Feby., April, May and July. Two Guineas to be paid from the Funds of the Club for each dinner, the remainder of the expense to be divided amongst those present.

5*th Resolution.*—That as it is indispensable to have a Club House for the accomodation and comfort of members, and a Club Servant to take charge of their clubs, etc., the house upon Royal Hill be for the present the Club House, and that Mr. Brand be for the present the Club servant.

6*th Resolution.*—That the general management of the affairs of the Club be vested in a Committee consisting of the Captain, Secretary, and Five Members, to be elected annually on the Spring Medal Day. Two with the Secretary to be a quorum.

7*th Resolution.*—That the Captain be chosen annually at the General Spring Meeting.

8*th Resolution.*—That the names of all candidates for admission into the Club, on being proposed and seconded by two members, be put up in the Club room by the Committee at least one week previous to the Ballot (the first of which shall take place on the 18th May inst., and thereafter, on the second Saturday in every month), not less than Five members to vote, and one Blackball in five to exclude. Candidates may, however, be admitted by acclamation at any General Meeting.

9*th Resolution.*—That an Annual General Meeting of the Club be held on the Spring Medal Day, the 2nd Saturday in March, when the Secretary, who is also the Treasurer, shall lay before the Meeting a clear statement of the affairs of the Club audited by the Committee; and that Special General Meetings be called by the Committee when they think fit, or on a requisition to the Captain or in his absence to the Secy. signed by any five or more members, stating precisely the Resolutions to be proposed, and to which such Special Meeting shall be confined. Members in arrear not to be entitled to vote at *any* meeting. No General Meeting to be held from August to November, both inclusive.

10*th Resolution.*—That in order to preserve the antiquity of the Club and secure its perpetuity, the principal sum of £800, at present vested in the 3 per Cents., be never alienated or encroached upon to meet the current expenses or debts of the Club, for which the Dividends shall alone be available. All savings or legacies to be vested in the same Trustees, the number of which are always to be kept up by the Club to Three, as at present.

11*th Resolution.*—That members who may have discontinued or been obliged to relinquish attendance at the Club, or on the Green, shall be at liberty, with the sanction of the Committee, to rejoin it as subscribing members on the payment of a fine of one guinea, in addition to the current subscription, provided their

names stand on the records of the Club as having been subscribing members duly elected.

12*th Resolution*.—That the existing Roll of Honorary Members shall continue, and the Club be empowered to vote additional honorary members by acclamation as heretofore, to be entitled to all the privileges of the Club except attending, or noting at, meetings.

13*th Resolution*.—That the Committee for the ensuing year be appointed at the present meeting on the 4th May, and that they be deputed to draw up a code of regulations for the Blackheath Golf Club, founded upon the foregoing resolutions, with such others as they may think necessary, and also to revise the laws of the game; both to be submitted for approval to a future meeting on Saturday the 18th May inst.

The following Committee was then unanimously appointed :—

The Honble. Fox Maule, *Captain*.

Mr. Dunbar.	Mr. Grant.
Mr. Jopp.	Mr. Johnstone.

Major Jelf Sharp, and by unanimous acclamation, Mr. Lindsay, a life member.

H. Jelf Sharp,	F. Maule,
Acting Secy.	*Chairman.*

18*th May*, 1844.

Present :

The Honble. Fox Maule, *The Capt., in the Chair.*

Mr. Hastie, M.P.	Mr. Grant.
Mr. Dunbar.	Mr. Johnstone.
Mr. Parker.	Mr. Lindsay.
Mr. Jopp.	Major Jelf Sharp.

Mr. Lindsay read a letter from Mr. Masson resigning the Secretaryship, whereupon it was proposed by Mr. Grant, and seconded by Mr. Hastie, that Major Jelf-Sharp be appointed Honry. Secretary and Treasurer to the Club, which was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Masson for his past services to the Club was proposed and carried unanimously.

The Committee then laid before the Meeting the "Code of Regulations" for the future management of the Club together with the revised Rules of the

Game, which they had been deputed at the last Meeting to draw up and submit to this meeting, whereupon the whole was carefully and fully considered, and after some trifling alterations and amendments carried unanimously. They were declared to be the future constitution of the Club as founded upon the resolutions of the 4th and 18th May, 1844, and ordered to be printed, and a copy sent to every member of the Club.

See "Printed Regulations of the Club" and "Laws of the Game to be observed by the members of the Blackheath Golf Club," which is hereby declared to be a correct copy of those finally passed on the 18th May.*

The following Gentlemen who had been proposed by Mr. Grant and seconded by Major Jelf-Sharp, and whose names had been put up in the Club room on the 11th May, being one week previous to the Ballot, were then balloted for, and declared to be duly elected :—

R. Christopher, Esqr., M.P.	J. Balfour, Esqr.
The Honble. David Murray.	J. Stanhope, Esqr.
Edwd. Buckle, Esqre.	Capt. Hunter Blair.
Townsend Oswald, Esqr.	George Melville, Esqr.
Charles Balfour, Esqr.	J. M. Balfour, Esqr., M.P.
John Campbell, Esqr., of Isla.	Sir Ths. Moncrieffe, Bart.
Lord Walter Butler.	N. Stopford Kyle, Esqr.

Walter Cowan, Esqr.

Willm. Black, Esq. (Primo), formerly a member of the Club, was elected an Honry. Member by acclamation.

H. Jelf Sharp,
Hony. Secretary.

F. Maule,
Chairman.

8th June, 1844. *Summer Medal Day.*

Lots were drawn for the Order of Play for the Medal pursuant to the 17th Rule of "the Laws of the Game."

Sir David Baird, Bart., who had been proposed by Mr. Grant and seconded by Major Jelf Sharp, and whose name had been put up in the Clubroom one week previous to the present meeting, was, on the recommendation of the Committee, elected a Member of the Club by acclamation.

H. Jelf Sharp,
Hon. Secretary.

* *Vide infra*, p. 200 and p. 216.

The play for the Medal then proceeded, and Andrew Jopp, Esqr., was declared by the Scrutineers to be again the winner of the Summer Medal, having done the 21 holes at 129 strokes.

A large party afterwards assembled to dinner at the Green Man. The Honble. Fox Maule in the Chair.

After the usual loyal toasts, the Captain was duly installed by Field Marshal Lindsay, and the other past Captains, and Secretary, with the usual ceremonies, and after Kissing the Silver Club, and making the proper Declaration, his health was drank with all the honors.

The Captain presented the Club with half a dozen of Champagne on his installation.

Field Marshal Lindsay's health was drank with all the honors.

The winner of the Medal, Mr. Jopp, was decorated with the Medal by the Captain, and his health duly drank.

Play for the Summer Medal, 8th June, 1844.*

Mr. Ross	203	Mr. Flemyng	158
Mr. Black.	178	Mr. Cowan	157
Mr. Johnstone	175	Mr. Grant	156
Capt. Hall	169	Mr. Dalrymple	156
Mr. Anderson	167	Mr. Dunbar	153
Mr. Oswald	166	Mr. Hastie	150
Capt. Hunter Blair	163	Honbl. Fox Maule	145
Mr. Sutherland	159	Mr. Buckle	142
Major Jelf Sharp	158	Mr. Masson	136

Mr. Jopp (Medal Holder), 129.

G. Webster, Esq., with the concurrence of the Committee, was readmitted a Member of the Club, paying a fine of £1 1 0, under Rule 6.

A. H. Hope, Esq., having been duly proposed and seconded, was elected a Member of the Club.

H. Jelf Sharp,
Hon. Secretary.

* This day the Summer Medal was first played for over a course of 21 holes, having previously always been played for over a course of 15 holes.

14*th June*, 1845.

The Secretary reported that since the last Meeting, Thomas Ritchie, Esq., and the Revd. W. H. Martin Atkins having been duly proposed and seconded, &c., were elected (by Ballot) members of the Club.

14*th March*, 1846.

The Secretary reported that since the last Meeting Colonel Low, having been duly proposed and seconded, was elected (by Ballot) a Member of the Club.

Lots were then drawn for precedence and partners in the play for the Medal.

The Dinner was held at the Green Man, Blackheath, at 6 o'clock.

The Captain in the Chair.

Present 10 Members.

After the usual loyal toasts, the Scrutineers were required to name the Winner of the Medal, when Col. Low was declared to have done the links in the fewest strokes, and was decorated with the Spring Medal by the Captain, and his health drank with all the honors.

J. L. Ricardo, Esq., Robert Oliphant, Esq., David Henry, Esq., and Archibald Hamilton, Esq., duly proposed and seconded, were elected Members *by acclamation.*

Capt. Hall backs Colonel Low against the Field for the next Summer Medal, one gallon, taken by Mr. Ritchie.

20*th June*, 1846. *Summer Medal Day.*

Being the 3rd Saturday in June (the day having been changed from the 2nd Saturday by the Committee in consequence of the latter coming in a race week),

At a General Meeting held this day, pursuant to Notice duly given to every Member of the Club,

The Secretary reported that since the last Meeting, the Honble. H. Coventry, having been duly proposed and seconded, and his name put up in the Club room for one week, was elected (by Ballot) a member of the Club.

The bets made at the last Dinner Meeting (the Spring Medal), and which are always one Gallon of Claret, commuted into one Guinea for the benefit of the Club Funds, were read by the Secretary.

It was resolved unanimously, That every Member who played for a Medal should give in his card, or be fined $\frac{1}{2}$ a guinea.

Lots were then drawn for precedence and partners in the play for the Medal.

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Play for the Summer Medal.

Colonel Low and Honble. Hy. Coventry having tied (at 135 each), they played one more round, when Mr. Coventry did it in 43 strokes and Colonel Low in 53, when the former was declared the Winner of the Medal.

17*th April*, 1847.

The Spring Medal Day (cold and boisterous).

Having been changed by the Committee from the 2nd Saturday in March, on account of the coldness and backwardness of the Season,

("A Fortnight's notice having been given according to the Regulations to every Member of the Club"), It was resolved unanimously, that the Spring Medal Day shall be changed from the 2nd Saturday in March to the 2nd Saturday in April in each year, and that the Monthly Dinners be held for the future at the Green Man on the last Saturday in March, May and July only, besides the Medal Dinners in April and June.

The Secretary reported that H. Lloyd Anstruther, Esq., and James Brown, Esq. (having been duly proposed and seconded, and their names put up in the Club room for one week), were elected, by Ballot, Members of the Club.

The Bets made at the last Summer Medal Dinner, and which are always for the benefit of the Funds of the Club, were read.

Lots were drawn for precedence and partners in the play.

H. Jelf Sharp,
Hon. Secretary.

Francis Grant, Esq.* (the Captain), announced his intention to paint a Portrait of Field Marshal Lindsay, and present it to the Club, which was unanimously voted to be a great compliment to the Society of Golfers of Blackheath, and Mr. Grant's health was enthusiastically drank with all the honors.

Various Bets and Matches were made for the ensuing season and Medal Day in June.

8*th April*, 1848.

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting Edwd. Langley, Esq., having been duly proposed and seconded, &c., was elected a member of the Club.

* Afterwards Sir Francis Grant, P.R.A.

The following Gentlemen having (according to the Rules) been recommended by the Committee were elected Members of the Club (by acclamation) :—

W. P. Adams, Esq.
Sir R. A. Anstruther, Bart.
L. Locker, Esq.
James Marshall Esq.

10*th June*, 1848.

The following Members were reported elected since the last meeting, viz., the four last above named and Captn. Crosse.

14*th April*, 1849. *Spring Medal Day.*

It was carried unanimously that the Bombay Medal shall be played for on the 2nd Saturday in October in each year, and that Charles Sutherland, Esq., shall be declared the first winner of it on the October, 1848.

It was unanimously agreed that a Silver Medal (not exceeding £1 in expense) shall be presented to every winner of the three Medals, in each year, including the present Holders.

The Secretary reported that the following Members had been duly elected since the last General Meeting :—

R. H. Forman, Esq.
R. Ferguson, Esq.
F. Bennoch, Esq.
P. C. Leckie, Esq.
J. Nottidge, Esq.
The Rev. Wm. Marsh.
John Stone, Esq.

9*th June*, 1849. *Summer Medal Day.*

Captn. Crosse, in the absence of the Secretary, reported that Capt. Isacke and C. J. Colville, Esq., had been duly elected Members of the Club since the last meeting.

Particulars of repairs necessary to be done to a House situated on Blackheath Hill having been laid before the meeting, it was resolved that the house should be taken for the use of the Club at a rental of £35 a year, and that Capt. Crosse in conjunction with the Committee be empowered to conclude an agreement for the same with the Trustees of Morden College, and also to give notice to the present landlord, and to take steps for the disposal of the house they now occupy.

That in consequence of the button die formerly used by the Club being broken the acting Secretary be authorised to order another.

The Rev. Wm. Marsh won the Medal with a score of 143.

The Dinner was held at the Trafalgar Hotel.

12*th October*, 1849.

The first time the Bombay Medal was *played* for.

Dinner at the Green Man.

C. Sutherland, Esq., in the Chair.

20 Members present and 4 visitors.

After the usual Toasts being drank, scrutineers were appointed, who after having examined the cards reported as follows :—

A. Hamilton . .	175	Capt. Crosse . .	160
C. Sutherland . .	173	Thos. Ritchie . .	158
R. Forman . .	166	Capt. Hall . .	154
J. Stone . . .	161	Rev. W. Marsh (the Winner) . .	147

13*th April*, 1850. *Spring Medal Day.*

Sir H. Hume Campbell, Bart., unanimously elected Captain of the Club for the ensuing year.

Major Jelf Sharp having stated that in consequence of his being obliged to be absent so great a portion of the year, it was his wish to resign the Secretaryship of the Club,

Resolved that this Meeting in accepting the resignation of Major Jelf Sharp, beg to assure him of the high sense they entertain of his past services and the great benefit the Club has derived from his assistance, and request him to accept their thanks for the same.

It was then proposed by Captn. Hall and seconded by Mr. Hastie, that Capt. Crosse be appointed Secretary and Treasurer to the Club which was carried unanimously.

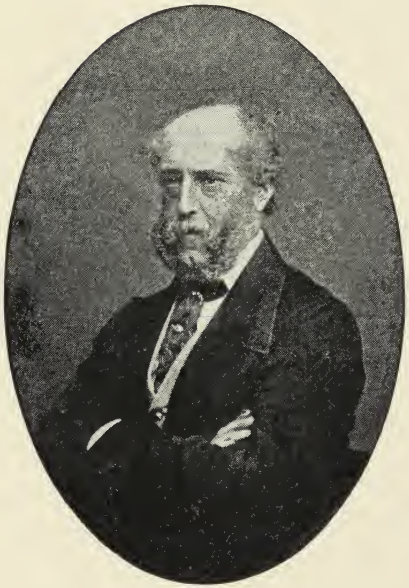
The following resolutions were then put and carried :—

1. That no change in the Medal Course, as hitherto played, shall be made unless with the consent of the Captain of the Club, and the Medal Holder of the Day.

2. That Players for the Medal shall match themselves with players, as near as possible, of equal skill in the play of the game.

The following Members were then reported to have joined the Club since the last General Meeting :—

Thomas Stone, Esqr. — Joseph B. Spencer, Esqr.
James Parker, Esqr. — Alfred Jackson, Esqr.
Chas. Sutherland, Junr., Esqr.



ARCHIBALD HAMILTON MONTGOMERIE,
13TH EARL OF EGLINTON.
Elected a Member in February 1852.

8th June, 1850.

Wm. Alexr. Cunningham, Esqr., was unanimously elected an Honorary Member.

12th October, 1850.

It was proposed That it is the opinion of this Meeting that the practice lately adopted by Members winning Medals, of making the Caddies presents of money, is not of any good to the Caddies themselves, but is a most unnecessary tax on Members. It is therefore resolved, that the practice be henceforth discontinued, and that for the future, any winner of a Medal giving the Caddies more than their regular pay, to forfeit all claims to the Medal, which will then be awarded to the next successful player.

3rd April, 1852.

The Secretary reported that the followingMembers had been elected :—

	Elected	
Angus A. Croll	January	1851
Fred. Weber, M.D.	January	1851
Viscount Dupplin	March	1851
C. Redman.	April	1851
Jonathan Thorpe.	April	1851
James Walker	July	1851

	Elected	
G. G. Anderson, joined 2nd time . .	January	1852
J. C. Macdonald	February	1852
Honble. F. Charteris	February	1852
Alexr. P. Fletcher	February	1852
Rt. Honble. Earl of Eglinton . .	February	1852
Capt. Honble. R. Charteris . . .	February	1852
Wm. Clarke	March	1852
J. C. Kerr Gloag	March	1852

12*th June*, 1852. *Summer Medal Day.*

It was proposed and carried that Members not appearing on the Ground or at the Dinners during the year to pay 1 guinea for the year.

8*th April*, 1853. *Spring Medal Day.*

Medal won by Edmund H. Kennard with the score of 138.

8*th October*, 1853. *Bombay Medal Day.*

This being a very wet day, only three Members attended for the purpose of playing—Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Stone, and Mr. Jacomb. The two former did the three rounds in 148 strokes each, and Mr. Jacomb in —, giving up his Card.

The day being far advanced and continuing wet, Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Stone declined playing a deciding round. The Medal was therefore not awarded to either.

8*th April*, 1854. *Spring Medal Day.*

It was proposed and carried that James Dunn be taken into the service of the Club—7*s*. per week.

The Hon. Secy. gave the following list of Members who had joined the Club since the last Report made :—

	Elected	
G. H. Money, Esqre.	April	1852
Honble. G. F. Lascelles . . .	April	1852
William Steven, Esqr.	April	1852
James Inglis, Esqr.	May	1852
The Duke of Beaufort . . .	October	1852
Edward Hughes, Esqr. . . .	November	1852

	Elected
Charles Barclay, Esqr.	November 1852
Edmund H. Kennard, Esqr . . .	December 1852
George Fry, Esqr.	January 1853
John Gibson Metcalfe, Esqr. . .	January 1853
George J. Von Dadelsdon, Esqr. . .	January 1853
William Adams, Esqr.	April 1853
Thomas Jacomb, Esqr. . . .	May 1853
Capt. Alexr. Kinlock	June 1853
Rob. Anstruther, Esqr. . . .	June 1853
Charles Cundell, Esqr.	June 1853
W. Peddie, Esqr. . . .	June 1853
Henry Jelf Sharp, Junr., Esqr. . .	June 1853
Capt. Scott	July 1853
Hugh Bolton, Esqr.	September 1853
Malcolm Inglis, Esqr.	October 1853
Alfred Tritton Fawkes, Esqr. . .	October 1853
Ord Graham Campbell, Esqr. . .	October 1853
George Glennie, Esqr.	October 1853
Thos. Wheeler, Esqr.	
Sir Adam Hay, Bart.	April 1854
— Boothby, Esqr.	April 1854
John Hall, Junr., Esqr. . . .	April 1854
Richard Dames, Esqr.	April 1854
Andrew Walls, Esqr.	April 1854
James Brand, Esqr.	April 1854
Hayter T. Reed, Esqr.. . . .	April 1854
Alexr. L. Ivory, Esqr.	April 1854

10*th June*, 1854. *Summer Medal.*

It was proposed and carried that all wine, including Champagne, drank at the Medal Dinners be paid for by the parties present, and not charged to the Club as has hitherto been the case, and that two guineas be allowed for each of the dinners in March, May, and July.

The following member was reported to have joined the Club since last report: James Graham, Esqr., 3rd June, 1854.

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ARCHIBALD HAMILTON.

Captain 1855–6.

(From the Oil Painting by J. Ballantyne, R.S.A. Presented to the Club by Mrs. Archibald Hamilton in memory of her late husband.)

9th June, 1855. *Summer Medal Day.*

It was proposed by G. Glennie, Esqre., and seconded by T. Wheeler, Esqr., That on each Medal Day a set of prize Clubs and also 12 prize balls shall be competed for as second and third prizes. The competitors being handicapped. And that a set of prize Clubs and Balls be competed for on the second Saturday in February every year, the players on that occassion being also handicapped by the Secretary and Mr. Dunn. Agreed to.

Proposed by Major Sharp and being seconded, it was agreed, that no party shall be allowed to start for the Medal after the 1st party shall have completed the first round and commenced the second.

12th April, 1856. *Spring Medal Day.*

Moved by Archibald Hamilton and seconded by George Glennie,

That a Gold Medal be presented to the Bombay Golf Club. Agreed.

The Dinner

Was held at the Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.

Archibald Hamilton presented a Portrait of the Secretary, and requested the Club to accept it as a present from him.

14th June, 1856. *Summer Medal Day.*

Resolved that every member, when playing on Club days, be recommended to wear the Club uniform.

Resolved that every Fore Caddie be provided with a red flag and cap, and be instructed to take particular care to warn the passers by.

17th January, 1857.

A special General Meeting of the Members was held this day in consequence of the decease of George Lindsay, Esqre., the late much-lamented Field Marshal, and to elect a Member to fill that office.

Proposed by Captn. Crosse and seconded by Mr. Glennie, that Robert Stewart Flemyng, Esqr., be appointed Field Marshal of the Club.—Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Sutherland and seconded by Capn. Hall, which was also carried unanimously :—

"That, while the object of the present meeting is carried out, it is not less the duty of the members present to record on their proceedings the high sense

entertained by them of the valuable services of the late Field Marshal, G. Lindsay, Esqr., who, during the period of twenty-one years that he held the office of Field Marshal, was on all occassions distinguished by his courteous and urbane manners, and ever accessible and ready to afford any member, and more especially the uninitiated, every information as to the laws and practice of the Game of Golf on the different links where it is played, and which his well stored mind on the subject enabled him to do."

18*th April*, 1857. *Spring Medal Day.*

The Secretary read the following letter received from John Cuthbert, Secretary to Prestwick Club :—

April 6th, 1857.

Sir,

It is proposed to play a match at Golf between the eight undermentioned Clubs :—

St. Andrews, Perth, Musselburgh, Blackheath, Prestwick, Carnoustie, North Berwick, Leven, each Club to send Four members to contend. The Game to be played in double Matches, or Foursomes, drawing for opponents by lot before starting, and again after each game by the winners. The remaining winning pair to be considered the champions. The Prize for this competition to be a Medal or other piece of Plate purchased at the expense of the competing Clubs in proportion to the number of members in each. At the conclusion of the playing by pairs, the winning pair will compete for the prize in a single match, the Winner to become the Possessor.

The game to be played at St. Andrews or Prestwick during the Summer Meeting.

If your Club consents to play in this Match will you be kind enough to inform me at your earliest convenience, at the same time naming which of the two links you prefer, as the Majority will decide.

Etc., etc.,

John Cuthbert.

To the Hon. Secy.,
Royal Blackheath Golf Club.

Proposed by G. Glennie and seconded by J. Romanes, that the Secretary write to the Secretary of the Prestwick Club, stating that we agree to the propositions, and choose St. Andrews as the ground to play on.

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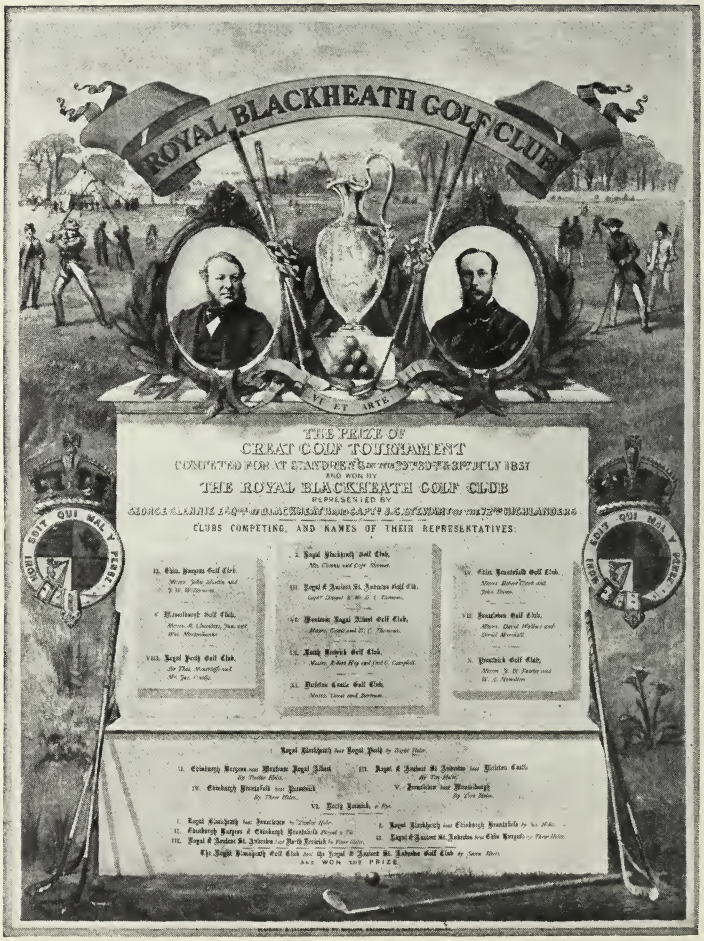
ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB
VI ET ARTE
THE PRIZE OF
GREAT GOLF TOURNAMENT
CONTESTED FOR AT ST ANDREWS
AND WON BY
THE ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB
REPRESENTED BY
CLUBS COMPETING, AND NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.
I. Royal Blackheath Golf Club.
II. Elm. Burgess Golf Club.
III. Royal & Ancient St. Andrews Golf Club.
IV. Honourable Royal Albert Golf Club.
V. Musselburgh Golf Club.
VI. Prestwick Golf Club.
VII. Royal Perth Golf Club.
VIII. Leith Links Golf Club.
IX. Burntisland Golf Club.
X. Edinburgh Burgess and Merchant Royal Albert
XI. Royal & Ancient St. Andrews beat Victoria Club.
XII. Edinburgh Burgess & Edinburgh Bruntsfield Played a Tie.
XIII. Royal & Ancient St. Andrews beat North Berwick.
The Royal Blackheath Golf Club beat the Royal & Ancient St. Andrews Golf Club by Seven Holes.
AND WON THE PRIZE.

CARD PRINTED TO COMMEMORATE VICTORY OF THE CLUB IN THE TOURNAMENT HELD AT ST. ANDREWS IN 1857.

SILVER CLARET JUG.

The Prize of the Tournament at St. Andrews in 1857.

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23rd June, 1857. *Summer Medal Day.*

Lord Eglinton proposed, and Sir H. H. Campbell seconded: That all necessary arrangements for the playing at the Tournament be arranged by Mr. Glennie and Capt. Crosse.

Dinner at the Club House.

Scrutineers were appointed who reported the play as follows, &c.

24th April, 1858. *Spring Medal Day.*

The Secretary reported that the Silver Cup, the prize of the Grand Tournament, had been won by Mr. G. Glennie and Capt. Stewart, 72nd Highlanders.

Moved by Mr. Hamilton, and seconded by Mr. M. Inglis, that Mr. Glennie and Capt. Stewart be elected Life Members in consideration of their having gained for the Club the prize played for at the Great Golf Tournament at St. Andrews, July, 1857, thereby constituting this Club the Champion Golf Club of the World.*

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* A card, a reproduction of which is given opposite, was printed to commemorate this victory of the Club, the result of the play as recorded on such card being:

I.

Royal Blackheath beat Royal Perth by eight holes.
Edinburgh Burgess beat Montrose Royal Albert by twelve holes.
Edinburgh Bruntsfield beat Prestwick by three holes.
Royal and Ancient St. Andrews beat Dirleton Castle by ten holes.
Innerleven beat Musselburgh by two holes.
North Berwick, a Bye.

II.

Royal Blackheath beat Innerleven by twelve holes.
Edinburgh Burgess and Edinburgh Bruntsfield played a Tie.
Royal and Ancient St. Andrews beat North Berwick by four holes.

III.

Royal Blackheath beat Edinburgh Bruntsfield by six holes.
Royal and Ancient St. Andrews beat Edinburgh Burgess by three holes.

IV.

The Royal Blackheath Golf Club
beat
The Royal and Ancient St. Andrews Golf Club
by seven holes.

Moved by Mr. Romanes, seconded by Mr. Glennie, that in consequence of the lamented decease of R. S. Flemyng Esq., Field Marshal of the Club, Charles Sutherland be now appointed Field Marshal. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Inglis, seconded by Mr. Reed, that 2 guineas be subscribed by this Club to the Grand National Tournament to be played at St. Andrews the last Wednesday in July, 1858.

Moved by Malcolm Inglis, and carried unanimously, that Will Dunn's salary be increased to 17/6 per week.

14*th April*, 1860. *Spring Medal Day.*

Proposed by Mr. Glennie, seconded by Mr. Reed: That, looking at the Financial affairs of the Club, a Committee be appointed to revise the Rules, and to report to the next General Meeting. Carried unanimously.

14*th June*, 1860. *Summer Medal Day.*

The Rules as revised by the Committee appointed by the General Meeting of Members, 14th April last, were read and with few alterations were approved of.

A letter from the Photographic Society of Blackheath was read offering for the acceptance of the Club a Gold Medal to be played for as our Committee should see fit.

The Tournament was played on the 29th, 30th, and 31st July. The prize, referred to above as a Silver Cup, was in reality a Silver Claret Jug, a picture of which is here shown. The Claret Jug is engraved with two golfing subjects, and bears the following inscription:—

WON BY
GEORGE GLENNIE
AND
LIEUT. J. C. STEWART,
MEMBERS OF THE
ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB,
AT THE
FIRST GOLF TOURNAMENT
HELD AT
ST. ANDREWS, FIFE,
IN THE YEAR
1857.
TWENTY-TWO COMPETITORS.

After a discussion, some members wishing to limit the number of Medals to Three,

Mr. Marsh moved, and Mr. Macdonald seconded: That the offer of the Blackheath Photographic Society be accepted, with thanks. Carried.

9th August, 1860. First Competition for the Photographic Medal.

Kieser . .	175	Macdonald . .	152
Hyde . . .	160	Adamson . .	144
Anstruther . .	154	Dalyell (Winner) .	134

20th October, 1860. *Bombay Medal Day.*

Moved by Mr. Romanes, and seconded by Mr. Glennie, that Five pounds be given to the fund for the Widow of the late Alan Robertson. Agreed to.

11th April, 1863. *Spring Medal Day.*

It was proposed and carried that the handicap for Clubs and Balls on the Medal Days should be discontinued, but the handicap in February should take place as usual.

The Dinner was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, Mr. Glennie (the Captain) in the Chair.

After the usual Toasts had been proposed, Scrutineers were appointed, who reported the play for the Medal as follows, &c.

HAYTER THORNTON REED.
Captain 1864–5.

8th April, 1865. *Spring Medal Day.*

Mr. Chambers proposed, and Mr. Aird seconded, that the Balance Sheet relative to the repairs of the House be approved of and ingrossed in the Minutes. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Chambers proposed a vote of thanks to Captain Crosse for his close attention in looking after the repairs of the New House. Carried by acclamation.

13th April, 1867. *Spring Medal Day.*

The Dinner was held at the Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.

Scrutineers were appointed, who reported the play for the Medal as follows, &c.

4th April, 1868. *Spring Medal Day.*

The Dinner was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich. After the usual toasts, the Secretary read the following report of the play for the Medal, &c.

29th August, 1868. *Special General Meeting.*

Before proceeding to the business of the Meeting, The Chairman proposed that the following Resolution be ingrossed in the Minutes of the Club, which was seconded by Archibald Hamilton, Esqr. and unanimously agreed to :

S. W. HYDE.
Captain 1865–6.

The Members of the Royal Blackheath Golf Club, in Special General Meeting assembled, hereby record the high value they attach to the services rendered to the Club by the late Captain Crosse during the 20 years he so ably and kindly filled the offices of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, and their grateful remembrance of the unvarying urbanity and courtesy of his bearing : they each mourn his loss as that of a dear personal friend, and they further desire respectfully to express their sympathy with his Widow and Family in their sad bereavement.

Mr. Glennie was requested to act as Hony. Secretary and Treasurer, which he agreed to do until the Annual General Meeting in April next.

10th April, 1869. *Spring Medal Day.*

Annual General Meeting.

The Chairman stated that the Committee unanimously resolved to recommend to this Meeting that the following Gentlemen be elected Life Members of the Club, for their long Services in the interests of the Club : Field Marshal Charles Sutherland, Lieut.-Genl. Sir John Low, K.C.B., Sir Francis Grant, R.A., and Capt. David Campbell, which was unanimously agreed to.

CAPT. THOMAS CROSSE.

Captain 1856–7. Hon. Secretary and Treasurer 1850–68.

(From the Oil Painting by J. Ballantyne, R.S.A. Presented to the Club by Mr. Archibald Hamilton.)

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The Chairman proposed that Mr. Glennie be re-elected Hony.-Secretary and Treasurer, which was seconded by Mr. Reed and carried unanimously.

JOHN A. RUCKER,
Captain.

19th March, 1870.

The names of Viscount Dalrymple, proposed by the Honble. Charles Carnegie, M.P., and seconded by W. D. Fordyce, Esqre, M.P.; and of Henry A. Lamb, Esqr., proposed by H. M. Buskin, Esqr., and seconded by the Hon. Secy., were submitted as candidates for admission to the Club. Approved of, and the Ballot ordered to take place on Saturday, 2nd April, between the hours of one and Five.

JOHN A. RUCKER,
Captain.

J. W. ADAMSON.
Captain 1867–8.
(*From an oil painting.*)

The following letter was received from the Calcutta Golf Club :—

CALCUTTA,
11*th Decr.*, 1873.

GEO. GLENNIE, ESQR.,
Hon. Secy., R.B.G.C.

SIR,—The handsome Gold Medal presented by the Royal Blackheath Golf Club arrived very opportunely, as our annual meeting was to be held the same afternoon. I had then the opportunity of presenting it to a large number of our playing members, and I need scarcely say that it was greatly admired by all.

Before parting there was a hearty vote of thanks given to the members of the R.B.G.C. for presenting our Junior Club with such a lasting mark of their kindness.

The weather here now being beautifully cool both morning and evening, play

has commenced for the season, and I expect it will be carried on with great energy until the beautiful trophy of the R.B.G.C. has been played for.

I am, Dear Sir, yours faithfully,
JAMES DOD,
Hon. Secy., C.G.C.

7th February, 1874.

Dinner at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

J. A. RUCKER.
Captain 1868–70.

The Secy. stated that it would be necessary to have some copies of the Rules printed, and that it might be advisable to make some alteration in the Rules of the Game, whereupon after consideration and discussion, it was resolved unanimously that Rules v. and XIX. be altered as follows :—

v. In playing either a Match or for a Medal, the player may lift his ball out of any place, tee behind, and lose two strokes.

XIX. In playing a Match or for a Medal, if a ball be split, flattened, or otherwise damaged, a fresh ball may be substituted in the place of the other, or the larger portion of the other, if split in two or more pieces, without a penalty.

16*th April*, 1874. *Spring Medal Day.*

Dinner at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

After dinner, Sir Hugh Hume Campbell, Bart. of Marchmont, was installed Field Marshal of the Club. The Honorary Secretary, in addressing him, said, Sir Hugh Hume Campbell, I have been requested by the Members to instal you Field Marshal, and as an old brother Golfer I have much pleasure in doing so.

You have been unanimously elected by the Members Field Marshal of this ancient Club, being the highest honour that can be conferred on any Member.

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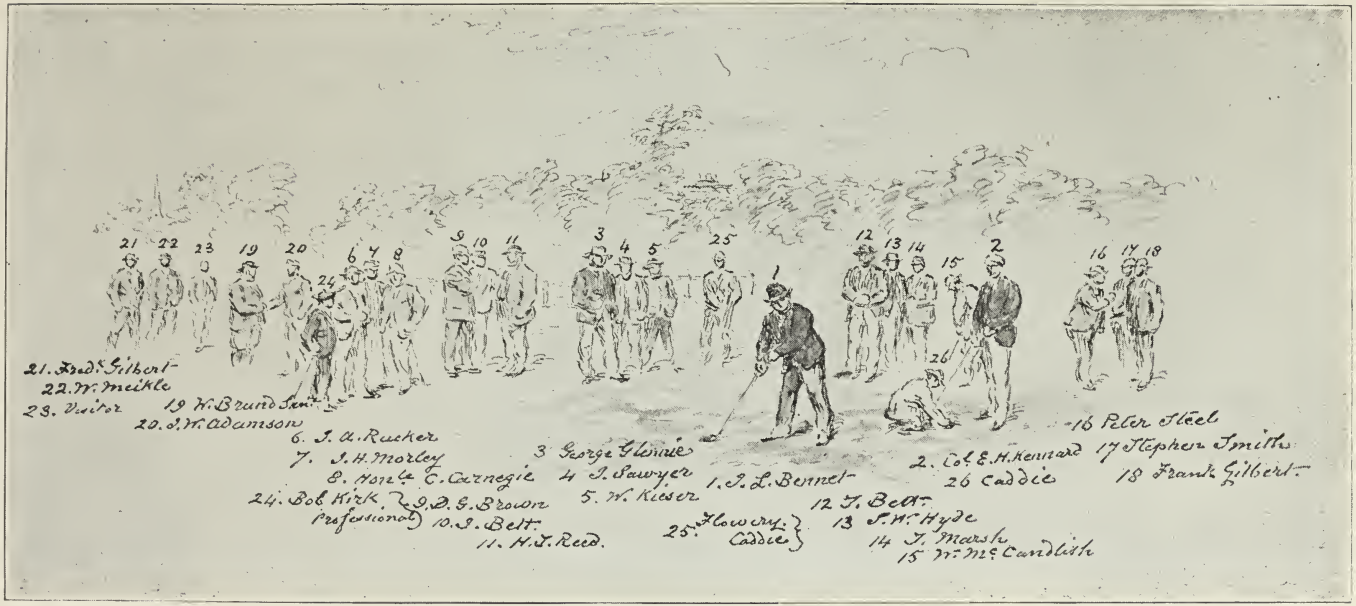
GROUP OF THE CLUB, 1875.

(From the Oil Painting by Major Hopkins. Presented to the Club by Mr. James Lindsay Bennet.)



KEY TO GROUP OF THE CLUB, 1875.

(From the Drawing by Mr. Fredk. Gilbert.)

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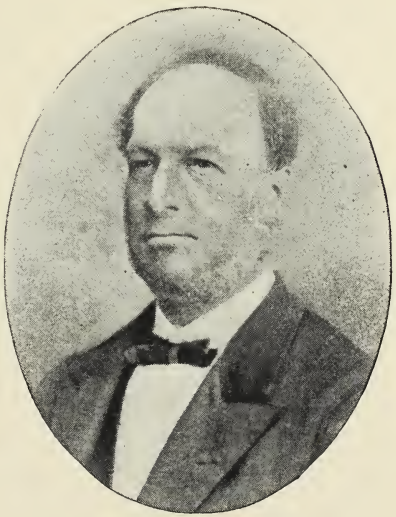
The first Field Marshal of this Club was Mr. John Walker,* who was elected in 1802, and a special Medal, designed by Mr. Thomas Longlands, was struck, to be worn by the Field Marshal at all Golf dinners or special Golf Meetings; it was presented to Mr. Walker for his long and meritorious services to the Club, and for the interest he had taken in its prosperity for a great number of years.

We are aware, Sir Hugh, that you have not been much amongst us for some years, but we know that a number of years ago you gave great support to this Ancient Club by your regular attendance and play, and by bringing many noble and much esteemed friends with you to the Club, and to play. That was a time when the Club required support, and we who now enjoy the Club in its prosperity, cannot but regard those who, in former years, by their exertions, saved the Club from going down, with great esteem.



STEPHEN SMITH.
Captain 1870–1.

We hope that now being the Field Marshal, you may be able to come amongst us and join in the Game, bringing your friends with you, who we shall at all times be glad to see, and give the hand of fellowship to our Brother Golfers.

The Field Marshalship is for life, and the Medal which will be presented to you by the Captain, you retain during your life, which we hope and trust may be long.

We expect and ask that you will wear this Medal at all Golf Meetings, as your predecessors did, and we have further to ask that you will in all time coming, while you are spared in health, do all that in you lies to maintain and support the rights and privileges of this ancient Club, to maintain the honor and dignity of the Club, and should any attempts be made to interfere with the

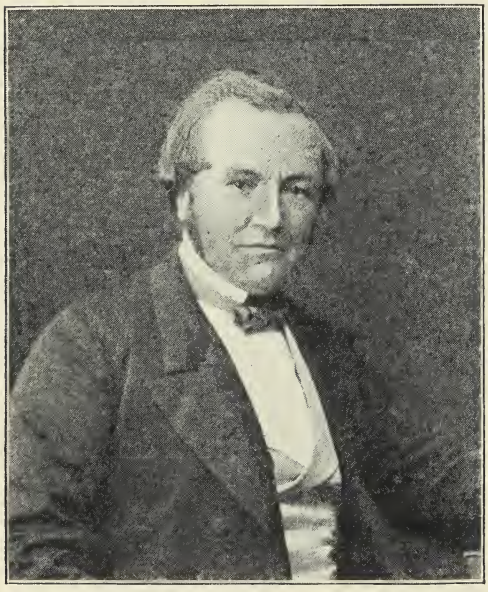
* There appears no evidence to show that Mr. John Walker was the first Field Marshal of the Club. He was certainly not elected to the dignity in 1802, but held it previously to that date, *vide* Minute of 2nd Oct., 1802, when the Medal was presented to him as holding the office of Field Marshal. The Club records do not show at what date he was elected.

rights of the Club, that you will aid the Executive in endeavouring to put down such interference, so that the Club may continue to maintain the high and honorable position it ever has done since its institution in 1608.

Kiss the Club.

11*th December*, 1875.

The following letter from Mr. James Dods, Ex Secretary of the Calcutta Golf Club, was read and ordered to be entered on the Minutes.



JAMES LINDSAY BENNET.
Captain 1866–7 and 1874–5.

33 Brazennose Street,
Manchester,
17*th Nov.*, 1875.

Geo. Glennie, Esqre., *Secy.*
Loyal Blackheath Golf Club.

Dear Sir,

I have at last received from Calcutta the long promised Silver Cup. I ordered it myself about 2 years ago, when I was Secy. to the Golf Club there.

It has been made in Cashmere, and these things do take a very long time to make, there is so much work upon them ; but this one has certainly taken longer than usual ; the fact is, the first one sent was not approved of by the Club, so that it took as long again to get the second one ready.

The Calcutta Club seem to think that it should be a Challenge Cup played for annually, or as often as your Committee may decide upon.

If you have any meeting soon, you might almost play for it before the season closes this year.

I should be glad to know where you would like it sent. If you are to have any Meeting about the end of this month, or beginning of next, I might get the Blackheath Medal Holder for this year, and an ex Captain, who is to be in London this week, to present it personally.

I am, Dear Sir, Yours faithfully,

James Dods.

The Secretary was requested to write to the Secretary of the Calcutta Golf Club, thanking them for the beautiful Cup they had so kindly sent, and stating that Mr. James H. Mudie, the Holder of the Blackheath Medal—Calcutta—as representing the Calcutta Golf Club, had attended a Wee dinner in the Club House on the 9th inst., and presented the Challenge Cup to the Club in a neat and graceful speech.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Joseph M. Purvis, presenting a massive Cup, to be called the "Singapore Challenge Cup," and the same was ordered to be entered in the Minutes. The Secretary was also requested to write to Mr. Purvis, conveying the warmest thanks of the Committee for his kind and handsome gift.

Mr. Purvis' letter was as follows :—

THE GROSVENOR HOTEL, VICTORIA STATION,
BELGRAVIA, LONDON,
7th December, 1875.

DEAR MR. GLENNIE,

I have the pleasure to forward to your care the "Singapore Challenge Cup," to be the property of the Royal Blackheath Golf Club.

The Cup to be played for under handicap, limited to 21 strokes, as often and under such arrangements as the Committee may decide upon.

I remain,
Yours sincerely,
JOS. M. PURVIS.

GEO. GLENNIE, ESQR.

It was resolved that the Calcutta Challenge Cup be played for under handicap, on Tuesday, the 21st Inst. No competitor to be allowed more than twenty-one strokes.

E. H. KENNARD,
Captn.

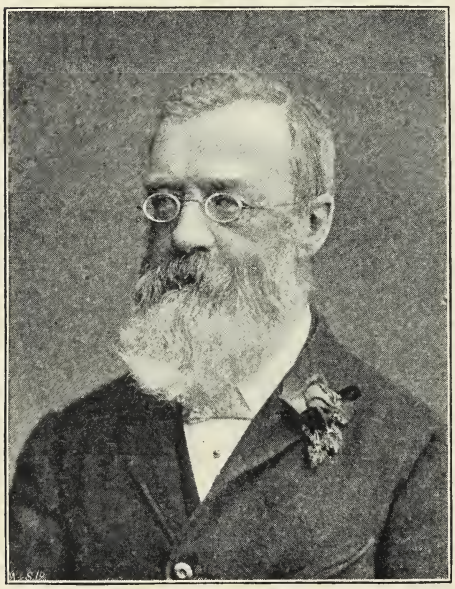
21*st July*, 1877.

At a Special General Meeting. After discussion, it was proposed by the Captain and seconded by the Hon. Secy., and carried unanimously, that from and after this date the Entrance Fee be raised from Two Guineas to Five.

W. KIESER, *Captn.*
GEO. GLENNIE, *Hon. Secy.*

7th March, 1878.

The Secy. stated that the Putting greens had been in a very unsatisfactory state for a considerable time, and it had been suggested to him that a Green Committee should be appointed, but he was of opinion that if one member would kindly undertake the duty of looking after the Putting Greens it would be better; that he had spoken to Mr. McCandlish on the subject, and he was quite willing to do it, if it was the wish of the Committee.



WM. KIESER.
Captain 1876–8.

It was proposed by Mr. Meikle, and seconded by Mr. Steel, and carried unanimously, that Mr. McCandlish be requested to look after the Putting Greens.

WM. KIESER,
Captn.

1*st February*, 1879.

It was resolved that the Rules of the Game be revised, and the following Members be appointed a Committee to carry out this Resolution, viz., Mr. Thomas Marsh, Captain Sweny, Captain Rucker, Mr. William McCandlish, and the Hon. Secretary. Three to be a Quorum.

WM. KIESER,
Chairman.

9*th July*, 1881.

The Secretary stated that he would like to have the opinion of the Committee as to what should be considered the 'Suburbs of London' referred to in Rule IV. in regard to the subscriptions; after discussion it was unanimously resolved, that a radius of fifty miles from Charing Cross be the suburbs of London.

The Captain stated that he had received a letter from Mr. John Aird, wishing to present a golfing picture to the Club, and that he had been on the Heath that day with Mr. Heywood Hardy, R.A., to show him the game being played, with

the view of Mr. Hardy executing the work. The members expressed themselves as being very much obliged to Mr. Aird for his great kindness, and they gladly accepted his kind and generous proposal.

JOHN PENN,
Captain.

15*th October*, 1881.

The following are extracts from a report handed in by Mr. McCandlish in regard to "the George Glennie Medal."

THE CEDARS, LEE ROAD,
BLACKHEATH,
October, 1881.

To the Captain and Committee of
THE ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

GENTLEMEN,

In the summer of last year a very general feeling was expressed by the members of the Club that some testimonial should be presented to their Honry. Secy. and Treasurer, Mr. George Glennie, in recognition of their gratitude to him for his great and long-continued services to the Club, and of the sincere esteem in which he is held by them; and at a meeting of members of the Club, held on the 2nd July, 1880, it was resolved that such testimonial should take the form of a Medal, bearing the name of "The George Glennie Medal," to be presented by members of the Royal Blackheath Golf Club to the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, to be competed for annually; and another similar medal to the Royal Blackheath Golf Club; and that a subscription, limited to one guinea, be made for the purpose.

THOMAS MARSH.
Captain 1879–81.

A Committee having been appointed to carry out this resolution, Mr. Thomas Marsh, then Captain of the Club, communicated with the Secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, offering the Medal for their acceptance. In reply, an Extract from the Minutes of a General Meeting of that Club, held on 28 September, 1880, was received, accepting the Medal; and that document I now beg to hand to you.

Two gold medals were prepared by Messrs. Alexr. Kirkwood & Son, of Edinburgh, bearing on one side the figure of Mr. Glennie, and on the other a suitable inscription.

The Medal for the Royal and Ancient Golf Club bears the following inscription :—

THE GEORGE GLENNIE MEDAL

PRESENTED BY THE ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB

TO

THE ROYAL AND ANCIENT GOLF CLUB OF ST. ANDREWS

to honour the worth and services of an eminent Golfer.

1880.

and was presented to that Club in August last, accompanied by a letter from the Captain, Mr. John Penn.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your mo. obt. Servt.,
WM. MCCANDLISH.

The following letter was received by the Captain from the Hony. Secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews :—

THE CLUB HOUSE,
ST. ANDREWS, N.B.
15*th August*, 1881.

JOHN PENN, ESQR.
Captain Royal Blackheath Golf Club,
Blackheath.

DEAR SIR,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August current, and I have just received, by the hands of Mr. McCandlish, the gold medal which the Royal Blackheath Golf Club has presented to the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, and called "The George Glennie Medal."

I shall submit your letter to the next meeting of this Club, and shall, at same time, lay on the table the very handsome medal which has been deposited in my hands.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
STUART GRACE, *Hony. Secy.*

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Putting Practice.

From the picture painted by Reginald Grundy, R.A.

presented to the Club by Mr. Tom Ord.

The following letter was also received by the Captain.

THE CLUB HOUSE,
ST. ANDREWS, N.B.
7th Septr., 1881.

JOHN PENN, ESQR.
Captain, Royal Blackheath Golf Club.

SIR,

I have now to inform you that your letter, dated August last, was submitted to the Committee of Management of this Club on 5th inst., and that the George Glennie gold medal, which accompanied it, was at the same time laid before them ; and that the Committee resolved that the medal should be competed for at the approaching Autumn General Meeting, and that intimation should be made to that effect.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedt. Servant,
STUART GRACE, *Hony. Secy.*

At a Dinner held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on the 27th Octr., 1881. The Golfing Picture painted by Mr. Heywood Hardy, R.A., and containing portraits of Mr. George Glennie, Mr. John Penn, Mr. Francis Gilbert, and Mr. Wm. McCandlish, and of 'Dick' Steer, an old caddy, was presented to the Club by Mr. John Aird. 'The George Glennie Medal,' for the Royal Blackheath Golf Club, was on the same occassion presented to the Club by Mr. Wm. McCandlish on behalf of the subscribers.

The Medal bears the following inscription :—

"The George Glennie medal, subscribed for by members of the Royal Blackheath Golf Club in testimony of their gratitude to Mr. George Glennie, for his great and long continued services to the Club, and of the sincere esteem in which he is held by them."

THE GEORGE GLENNIE MEDAL

was competed for, for the first time, on Tuesday, the 20th December, 1881, and the result of the Competition as under.

S. Clarke .	226 strokes	W. Pirie Duff .	173 strokes
C. M. Baker .	206 „	G. C. Snelling .	167 „
R. Bell . .	184 „	C. C. Smith .	167 „
Col. Broughton.	178 „	J. H. Morley .	165 „
J. L. Bennet .	173 „	T. S. Begbie .	163 „

W. McCandlish	163	strokes
J. C. Miller	161	„
G. H. Frean	161	„
J. H. Nelson	157	„
A. S. Teape	155	„
A. Stewart	155	„
Thos. Marsh	154	„
Major Sweny	149	„
T. R. Bannon	148	strokes
T. A. Raynes	147	„
W. K. Graham	145	„
W. H. Richardson	139	„
W. Penn	134	„
W. M. De Zoete	134	„
D. G. Brown	132	„ } Tie.
John Penn	132	„ } Tie.

JOHN PENN.
Captain 1881-3.

In playing off the Tie, Mr. D. G. Brown scored 141 and Mr. John Penn 131—Winner of the Medal.

The following further correspondence passed with reference to the George Glennie Medal presented to the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews :—

THE PRIORY, ST. ANDREWS,
10. 2. '82.

DEAR SIR,

At the Annual Meeting of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, last autumn, the subject of the 'Glennie Medal' was considered, and it was referred by the General Meeting to the Committee of the Club to arrange on what terms the said Medal should be competed for. They were further to acquaint your Club with their decision, which they hope will be approved of.

The Committee of the Club met on the 6th inst. and unanimously agreed that the 'Glennie Medal' be awarded to the player whose combined scores at the Spring and Autumn competitions of the Club are the lowest. The Medal to be presented each Autumn Meeting.

I should be glad to hear if this meets with the approval of the Royal Blackheath Golf Club.

Believe me, truly yours,

RANDLE JACKSON,
Capt. Royal and Ancient Golf Club.

JOHN PENN, ESQ.,
Captain Royal Blackheath Golf Club.

22 Carlton House Terrace, S.W.,
Febry. 22, 1882.

Dear Sir,

In further reply to your letter of the 10th inst., I have the pleasure to inform you that the arrangement to award the Glennie Medal to the player whose combined score at the Spring and Autumn Meetings of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club is the lowest, is highly approved of by the Royal Blackheath Golf Club, and is, I may add, very gratifying to Mr. Glennie himself.

Thanking you on behalf of this Club for your courtesy in bringing before our Members the resolution of your Committee,

I am,
Yours very truly,
John Penn,
Captain Royal Blackheath Golf Club.

10*th April*, 1883.

The Competition for the Spring Medal was held this day, and resulted in a tie between Lt.-Col. Kennard, M.P., and Mr. Frederic Stokes, 122 strokes each.

The Tie was played off on Thursday, 10th May, Lt.-Col. Kennard, M.P., 121, Winner of the Medal.

Geo. Glennie,
Hony. Secy.

In February, 1884, Mr. John Penn wrote to the Hony. Secy., asking to be permitted to present the Blackheath Golf Club a prize, to be competed for annually. His idea being that the prize should take the form of a silver cup. The prize to be for the best scratch score, but whether played for in a new competition, or in conjunction with some handicap prize at one of our ordinary fixtures, he left entirely in the hands of the Committee to determine.

Mr. Penn's offer was accepted with the best thanks of the Committee on behalf of the Club.

13*th June*, 1885.

The Hony. Sectry. read the following note from Mr. Penn in regard to the competition for the 'Penn Cup':—

"I have no particular wish as to the form the competition should take for the Cup, and perfectly willing to leave the matter entirely in the hands of

the Committee. That which will be most satisfactory to the Club will be most satisfactory to me.

"Yours very truly,

"JOHN PENN,

"11 *June* 1885.

"GEORGE GLENNIE, ESQ."

Mr. Glennie proposed and Mr. Graham seconded, that the Cup be competed for under handicap, the handicap being limited to twenty-one strokes from scratch, which was unanimously agreed to. Mr. Glennie stated that Mr. Penn had kindly called during the day, and in talking the matter over, was quite agreeable that the Cup should be competed for as above.

FRED. STOKES, *Captain.*

T. A. RAYNES.
Captain 1883-5.

27th March, 1886.

The Meeting was summoned on account of the lamented death of Mr. George Glennie, the Hony. Secy. of the Club, which occurred on the 26th.

A vote of condolence with the relatives of Mr. Glennie and with the Members of the Club on the irreparable loss they had sustained. This was seconded by Mr. Bennet, and carried unanimously.

3rd April, 1886.

The Captain read a letter from Mr. Fry, thanking the Committee on behalf of Mr. Glennie's relatives for the message of condolence which had been sent them from the Committee.

The Captain reported that he had received many messages, telegrams, and letters expressing the deep sorrow of the senders on hearing of the death of Mr. Glennie.

It was resolved not to hold the annual dinner on the 8th day of April, and to recommend to the Genl. Meeting that no Annual Dinner be held this year. Notice of the postponement of the dinner to be sent to members of the Club.

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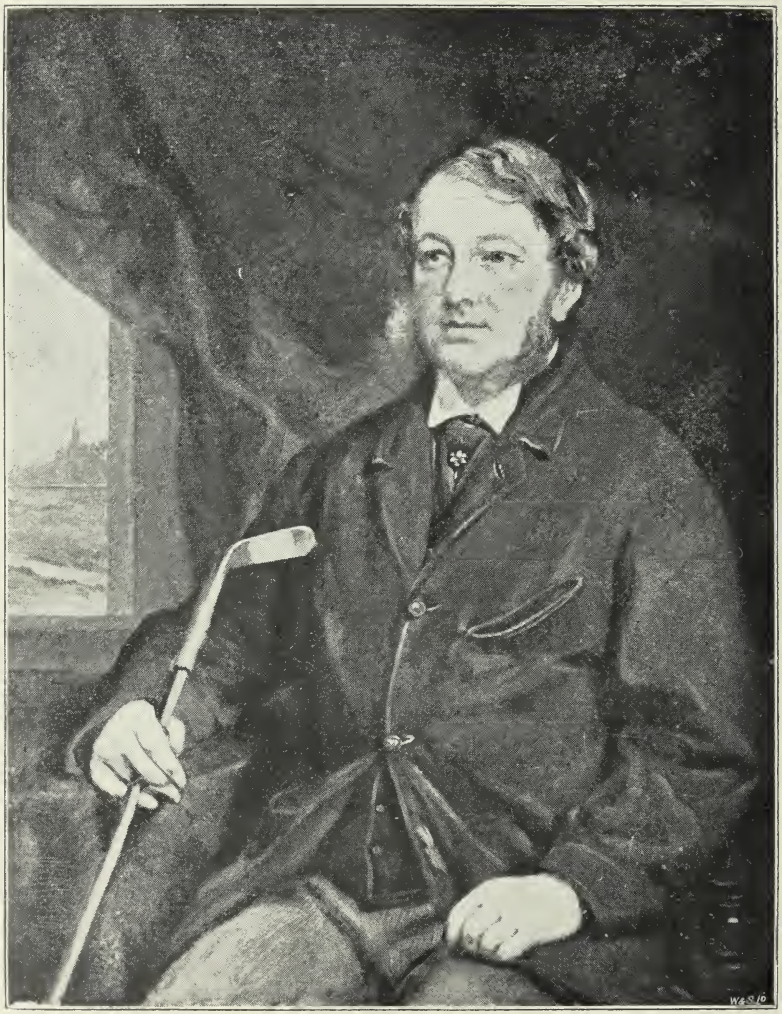

GEORGE GLENNIE.

Captain 1862–4. Hon. Secretary and Treasurer 1868–86.

(*From the Oil Painting by J. Ballantyne, R.S.A. Presented to the Club by Mr. Archibald Hamilton.*)

Mr. Fry, on behalf of Mr. Glennie's Executors, having asked for the names of some members to be invited to attend the funeral as representatives of the Club, it was agreed to send the names of the Captain, F. Stokes, Esqre., and eleven members.

Agreed that a notice should be posted in the Club House suggesting that no Golf should be played until Thursday, the 8th day of April.

8th April, 1886. *General Meeting.*

A desire was unanimously expressed that a Minute recording the deep grief the members felt at the death of their late Hony. Secy. and Treasr., Mr. George Glennie, should be entered on the records of the Club.

It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Frank Gilbert should be asked to continue to act as Hon. Secy. and Treasurer, and he consented.

Mr. Barnes proposed that a memorial stone should, subject to the approval of Mr. Glennie's Executors, be placed over his grave by members of the Blackheath Golf Club.

This was seconded by Mr. Frean and carried unanimously.

A Sub-committee, consisting of the Captain and Hony. Secy. *ex officio* and Messrs. Bennet, Frean and Barnes, was appointed to carry this resolution into effect, with instructions that members of the Club only should be invited to subscribe.

FRED. STOKES,
Captain.

3rd June, 1886.

A Special General Meeting, called at the request of 5 members, with the view to having the regulations affecting Wee Dinner Matches clearly defined.

Carried—That the Challenger to a Dinner Match should pay 2/6 for a single, and 5/- for a foursome to the Hony. Treasr. of the Fund, the sum so paid to be eventually borne by the losing party. The fore caddy to be paid as in ordinary matches.

That the Fund raised by Dinner Matches be applied to the provision of Wines and Spirits free of charge to the Members on Competition days, and towards such expenses of the Wee Dinners as the Committee of the Club may determine, and that any surplus on the audit of this account shall be dealt with by the Committee as it may determine.

That the spirits belonging to the Wee Dinner Fund shall be handed over to

the Club, on the 4th of August next, when all present matches expire, and that the money remaining in hand belonging to the Old Wee Dinner Fund shall on the 4th Augt. next be placed to the Wee Dinner Fund.

FRED. STOKES,
Chairman.

28th August, 1886.

It was resolved that the Club should subscribe £10 10s. to the Fund for the Amateur Championship of Golf, and the Hon. Sec. undertook to communicate this resolution to Capt. Burn, the Hon. Sec. of the Committee appointed to carry out the arrangements of the Competition.

FRED. STOKES,
Captain.

FREDERIC STOKES.
Captain 1885–7.

10th March, 1887.

It was agreed, by the Committee, to discontinue the competition for the Photographic Medal.

It was proposed, seconded, and carried, to adopt the St. Andrews rules on this green, but that a Sub-committee be appointed to submit bye laws in addition thereto to meet the peculiarities of the green.

A Sub-committee was then appointed.

W. G. BARNES,
Captain.

5th April, 1887. *Annual General Meeting.*

It was agreed to make the balance of £12 19*s.* 6*d.* from the Glennie Memorial Fund up to £21, out of the Club Funds, and that a donation of this sum be made to the Miller Hospital and Royal Kent Dispensary.

W. G. BARNES,
Captain.

10*th April*, 1888. *Annual General Meeting.*

It was proposed and seconded that the Committee be empowered to appoint the Handicapping Committee from time to time, as they may think fit. Carried.

Resolved that the consideration of the Rules of the Club be referred to a Special Sub-committee to make such alterations as may be considered necessary and bring up the same for approval at the next General Meeting.

W. G. BARNES, *Captain.*

7*th January*, 1889.

It was proposed and seconded That the Rules of the Game of Golf as now amended be submitted to the General Meeting for adoption by the Club.

The Rules of the Club as revised by Mr. F. Stokes were then discussed, and it was resolved that the same be printed and sent to each member of the Committee for their consideration, and for final decision at the next Committee Meeting.

Resolved that the thanks of the Committee are due, and are herewith tendered to Mr. Stokes for the time and trouble he has taken in revising the same Rules.

W. G. BARNES.
Captain 1887-9. Present Hon. Secretary.

12*th March*, 1889.

It was resolved that the Rules of the Game of Golf, and the Local Rules as corrected by the Sub-committee, be submitted to the General Meeting for adoption by the Club.

W. G. BARNES, *Captain.*

16*th March*, 1889.

The Rules for the Management of the Club were revised in the form to be submitted to the members at the Annual General Meeting for approval and adoption.

ROBERT WHYTE, *Captain.*

4th April, 1889. *Annual General Meeting.*

Rules of the Club. Proposed by Mr. J. Franklin Adams, and seconded by Mr. W. H. Richardson, that the Rules as amended by the Committee be agreed to, and that the same be printed and a copy sent to each member. Carried unanimously.

Rules of the Game. Proposed by J. Franklin Adams, and seconded by the Hon. Sec., that the Medal Rules, as played at St. Andrews, be the only rules to be played on these Links. Negatived.

Rules of the Game. Proposed by W. H. Richardson, and seconded by T. A. Raynes, that the Rules of the Game of Golf, as amended by the Committee * be adopted. Carried.

Mr. J. A. Rucker was elected a Life Member of the Club by acclamation.

ROBERT WHYTE,
Captain.

ROBERT WHYTE.
Captain 1889–91.

7th January, 1890.

The Revd. J. H. Ellis having offered a Jubilee £5 piece to be played for under handicap, it was resolved to accept it, and that it be played for on the first Tuesday in every month, unless otherwise arranged by the Committee. The Prize to become the property of anyone winning it three times in one year. The first year to commence from the 1st April, 1890.†

Resolved that the Photographic Medal be played for (as a scratch prize) on the same day as the Calcutta Cup is competed for.

ROBERT WHYTE,
Captain.

* These were, in fact, the existing St. Andrews Rules, with the addition of certain local rules for the Blackheath Links.

† This was the commencement of Monthly Medals at Blackheath, eliciting the remark from an old and revered Member that "the Club would play for buttons next."

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GROUP OF THE CLUB, 1891.

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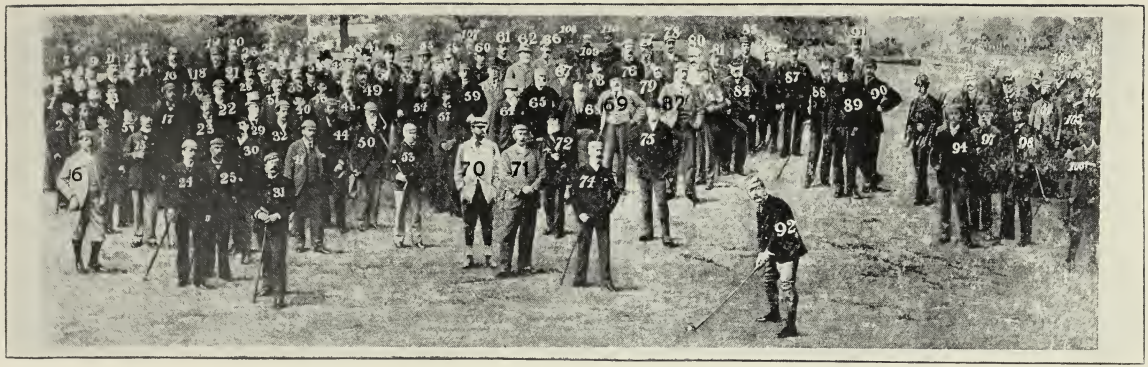

1 Spurling, Gilbert,
2 Webster, George,
3 Glasier, W. R. M.
4 Baker, A. H.
5 Humphreys, George,
6 Ireland, F. S.
7 Brews, G. (Professional)
8 Frean, George H.
9 Skinner, Dr. T.
10 Osmond, John,
11 Todd, Dr. H. B.
12 Young, G. R.
13 Glasier, W., Junr.
14 Johnson, W. Claude,
15 Sandys, Col. T. Myles, M.P.
16 Jacob, G. O.
17 Stubbs, T. W.
18 Lethbridge, Christopher,
19 Kersey, W. R.
20 Ireland, G. H.
21 Weldon, Edward,
22 Schacht, Alfred,
23 Morley, J. H.
24 Christie, W. H. M.
25 Andras J. W. G.
26 Hamilton, John James,
27 Russell, Frank,
28 Davies, J. H. W.
29 Fox, T. Percy,
30 Baillie, R. A.
31 Pell, W. O. S.
32 Turner, H. H.
33 Richardson, Raymond M.
34 Reiss, C. A.
35 Sawyer, J. S.
36 Brown, D. G.
37 Kentish, W. G.
38 Scott, Dr. P. C.
39 Miller, J. C.
40 Roper, A. Leonard,
41 Marsh, Thomas,
42 Browne, George H.
43 Cawthorne, George Page,
44 Noakes, Wickham,
45 Baillie, J. R.
46 Renshaw, A. G.
47 Lindsay, C. B.
48 Sawyer, J. M.
49 Nimmo, Wm
50 Kieser, William,
51 Walker, F. J.
52 Walker, E. A.
53 Clarke, Sidney
54 Drysdale, A. T.
55 Stewart, Capt. J. C.
56 Meikle, William,
57 Tweedie, Col. J. L.
58 Webber, Felix S. H.
59 Williams, C. Stanley,
60 Rucker, F. G.
61 Baillie, T. J.
62 Gilbert, Frederick,
63 Graves, Frederic,
64 Adam, W. A.
65 Ellis, Rev. J. H.
66 Bramly, J. R. J.
67 Richardson, Walter H.
68 Aird, John, M.P.
69 Gilbert, Francis,
70 Penn, John, M.P.
71 Hughes, W. E. (Hon. Sec.)
72 Steer, (Caddie)
73 Raynes, Thomas A.
74 Whyte, Robert,
75 Snelling, George C.
76 Richardson, Maurice H.
77 Harrison, Charles W.
78 Young, Adam T.
79 Gillon, Capt. Henry,
80 Penn, Frank,
81 Barnes, William G.
82 Newington, A. H.
83 Brown (Caddie)
84 Bennet, J. Lindsay
85 Charles, R. Stafford,
86 Winch, Richard,
87 Larking, Col. E. E.
88 Crawford, F. C.
89 Campbell, Sir Hugh Hume, Bart. (Field Marshal)
90 Kennard, Col. E. H.
91 Stokes, Frederic,
92 Gibson, John George, (Capt.)
93 Neil (Caddie)
94 Tylecote, E. F. S.
95 Green, Joseph F.
96 Williams F. V.
97 Morris, William,
98 Baker, C. M.
99 Graham, Walter Knott,
100 Sanders, G. Frederick,
101 Roper, Dr. Arthur,
102 Protheroe, Evan M.
103 Sweny, Col. G. A.
104 Stallard, Arthur Dudley,
105 Anstruther, Major A. W.
106 Penn, William,
107 Kennedy
108 Humphreys } (Caddies)
109 Steer, Junr. }
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11*th March*, 1890.

The Captain stated that since they last met an old and much respected Member of the Club had died, viz., Mr. Stephen Smith, who had always taken a great interest in the prosperity of the Club, and he (the Captn.) thought it would be right to record in the Minutes our deep regret at his death, and our sympathy with the Family in their bereavement, which was unanimously agreed to, and the Secretary was requested to communicate the resolution to the Family.

It was agreed to accept Mr. F. C. Crawford's kind offer to fill the position of Honorary Piper to the Club.

ROBERT WHYTE,
Captain.

15*th April*, 1890. *Annual General Meeting.*

The Captain referred to the death of our old and respected Member, Mr. John Antony Rucker. It was unanimously agreed to record in the Minutes the deep regret of the Club at his death, and sympathy with his family in their bereavement.

It was proposed and carried that Frank C. Crawford be elected Hony. Piper to the Club.

Mr. James Lindsay Bennet was elected a life Member of the Club by acclamation.

FRANCIS GILBERT.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer 1886–91.

14*th April*, 1891. *Annual General Meeting.*

Proposed by W. Morris, seconded by J. G. Gibson, that W. E. Hughes be elected Hony. Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Carried.

Carried unanimously, that the thanks of the Meeting be given to Francis Gilbert for the very efficient manner in which he had discharged his duties as Hony. Secy. and Treasurer to the Club.

In the evening the Members and their friends to the number of 79 dined together at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

JOHN GEORGE GIBSON,
Captain.

12*th November*, 1891. *Committee Minute.*

Resolved that Messrs. Taylors, Medalists, be asked to prepare designs for a die for a Memento applicable to all Medals, and to submit such designs to the Committee.

JOHN GEORGE GIBSON.
Captain 1891–3.

Resolved, that a Member winning any one of the Club Medals after the 1st April, 1892, shall be presented by the Club with a Memento of the same. Should a Member win the same medal again, he shall not be presented with another Memento in respect thereof, but for the second, or any subsequent time of winning, shall be entitled to receive from the Club a clasp in respect of such Medal.

Resolved, that in future a Member winning any one of the Club Cups more than once shall not be entitled to receive a memento in respect of any second or subsequent win of the same Cup, but shall be presented by the Club with a clasp inscribed with the date of such win.

The Hony. Secy. read a letter from Mr. Christie, suggesting that definite times for starting for play from the Club House should be fixed, on the basis of the 'Train Times' now posted in the Club House. Such times for starting to be respectively 50 minutes after the several trains now referred to in the Club notice leave Charing Cross. Suggestion agreed to, and the Hon. Secy. instructed to prepare a table of times for starting for play accordingly.

JOHN GEORGE GIBSON,
Captain.

5th April, 1892. *Annual General Meeting.*

The following Resolution was proposed by W. H. Richardson and seconded by H. H. Turner :—

That the Rules for the Game of Golf adopted by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews on the 29th September, 1891, be adopted as the Rules for the Game of Golf by this Club, subject to certain Local Rules for the Blackheath Links, and that the Committee be hereby authorised and instructed to revise the present Local Rules for the Blackheath Links, and to draw up and settle new Local Rules at their earliest convenience. Carried unanimously.

In the evening the members and their friends, to the number of 73, dined together at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

JOHN GEORGE GIBSON,
Captain.

WM. EWD. HUGHES.
Captain 1893–4. Hon. Secretary and Treasurer 1891–3.

5th May, 1892.

In pursuance of the Resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting of the Club on the 5th April last, the Committee revised the existing local Rules for the Blackheath Links, and drew up and settled a new code of Local Rules.*

24th November, 1892.

Resolved that a Gold Medal be presented to the Great Yarmouth Golf Club by the Royal Blackheath Golf Club, and that subscriptions, limited to 1 guinea be invited from members. The Medal to be a scratch one, to be played for annually, and a memento struck from the die of the Medal should be given to the Winner in each year. Mr. R. Whyte undertook to obtain and submit designs and estimates.

24th January, 1893.

Mr. Whyte submitted a design for the Medal for the Great Yarmouth Golf Club, which was approved.

* *Vide infra*, p. 239.

18th April, 1893. *Annual General Meeting.*

Proposed by W. Claude Johnson, seconded by S. Clarke, and carried unanimously, that H. H. Turner be Hony. Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Saturday, 14th October, 1893.

On this day the Club was entertained by the Rt. Honble. Sir Stuart Knill, Lord Mayor of London, and a member of the Club, at Dinner at the Mansion House.

H. H. TURNER.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer 1893–4.

It was carried by acclamation that a Cup be instituted in honour and memory of the occassion, to be called the "Knill Cup," and to be played for annually on one of the Medal Days of the Club, under handicap, limited to 21 strokes.

W. E. HUGHES,
Capt.

24th October, 1893.

With reference to the Knill Cup, the Captain read some correspondence between himself and Mr. Winch, who had offered to give the Cup to the Club; and it was proposed by Whyte, seconded by Ireland, and carried unanimously,

"That the Committee heartily endorse the sentiments already expressed by the Captain that we are deeply indebted to Mr. Winch for suggesting the most graceful compliment we could pay our host of October 14th, and for his very kind offer accompanying the suggestion."

It was decided, however, that the Cup to be instituted in memory of the Dinner at the Mansion House should be given by the Club; and the Secy. was instructed to send out a circular inviting subscriptions, not exceeding one guinea, for the purpose.

19*th December*, 1893.

It was proposed by Gibson, seconded by Whyte, and carried unanimously, "That the money subscribed by the Members in commemoration of the dinner given by the Lord Mayor, Sir S. Knill, at the Mansion House, on Oct. 14, to the members of the Royal Blackheath Golf Club, be expended on a Challenge Cup, to be called the 'Knill Cup,' to be played for annually at the Spring Meeting, under handicap, limited to 21 strokes, and that the Club provide a prize of the value of £5 to be retained by the winner of the Knill Cup."

The Secretary mentioned that he should be leaving the neighbourhood soon, and must therefore resign at the end of the present Club year. It was hoped by the Committee that W. G. Barnes would undertake the duties of Secretary & J. S. Sawyer those of Treasurer.

At the close of the meeting the Captain stated that since the last meeting an old and much-respected member of the Club, Mr. George Humphreys, had died; and it was unanimously resolved—

"That the Committee desires to record on the Minutes their deep regret at hearing of the death of Mr. George Humphreys, and their sympathy with his family in their bereavement."

J. STEGGALL SAWYER.
Hon. Treasurer of the Club.

The Secretary was requested to communicate this resolution to the family

W. E. HUGHES,
Captn.

23*rd January*, 1894.

Designs and estimates for the proposed Knill Cup were submitted, and a design approved, with some slight suggested alterations. The inscription round the Bowl of the Cup was decided upon, and the detailed inscription left to be settled by the Captain with R. Whyte, W. G. Barnes, and the Hony. Secy.

The Subscription List for the Cup to close on March 31st, 1894.

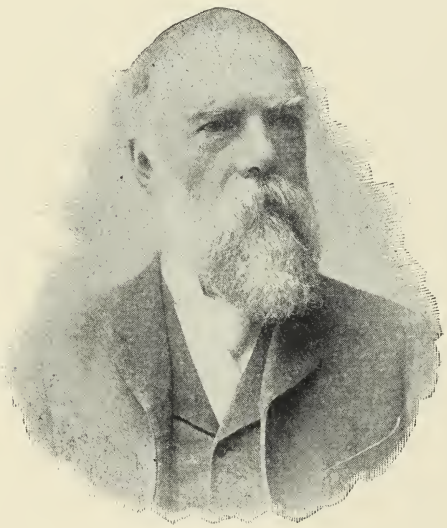
A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. John Penn for the present of his Photograph.

W. E. Hughes,
Captn.

17*th April*, 1894. *Annual General Meeting.*

Col. E. Hegan Kennard was elected by acclamation Field Marshal in place of S. Hugh Hume Campbell, deceased.

Proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that W. G. Barnes be appointed Hon. Secy.



MAJOR WM. MORRIS.
Captain 1894–5.

Proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that J. Steggall Sawyer be elected Hon. Treasurer.

Proposed and carried by acclamation that Sir Stuart Knill, Bart., late Lord Mayor of London, be elected a Life Member of the Club.

The following Rule as to Service members was approved :

That Army officers on full pay stationed at Woolwich, and Naval officers on the active List at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, be admitted as Temporary Members of the Club on approval by the Committee without entrance fee, on payment of an annual subscription of £2 2 0, it being understood that a single subscription of £2 2 0 shall cover the whole session of the R.N. College from Sept. to July, but such members shall not vote at any Meetings, nor play for Medals or Prizes. The Committee shall have power to limit the number of members admitted under this Rule.

Proposed by W. G. Kentish, and seconded by the Captain, that a vote of thanks be given to the Hon. Secy. and Treasurer (Mr. H. H. Turner) for his management of the affairs of the Club during the past 12 months. Carried unanimously.

In the evening the members and their friends, to the number of 83, dined

together at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich. After dinner the Hon. Secy. installed Col. E. Hegan Kennard Field Marshal of the Club with the usual ceremony.

W. MORRIS, *Captain.*

3rd May, 1894.

The Hon. Secy. was requested to communicate to the family the deep regret of the Members at the loss the Club had sustained by the death of Sir H. H. Campbell, who had been their Field Marshal for so many years.

W. MORRIS,
Capn.

F. S. IRELAND.
Captain 1895–7.

15th February, 1895.

In consequence of the continuation of the frost it was resolved that the competition for the Bombay and Monthly Medals should be further postponed until Tuesday, the 5th March, and that the March Monthly Medal be played on the 19th March.

W. MORRIS,
Captain.

19th March, 1895.

Boys' Medal. Resolved, That Competitors for this Medal shall be sons of Members, and boys resident or at school at Blackheath or in the neighbourhood, and each boy must be nominated by a member. His age must not exceed 16 years.

All nominations must be sent in a week before the date fixed for the Competition.

Resolved that a memento be given to the winner of the Boys' Medal.

FRED. S. IRELAND,
Capt.

2nd April, 1895. *Annual General Meeting.*

F. S. Ireland was unanimously elected Captain for the ensuing year.

In the evening the members and their friends, to the number of 82, dined together at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

18*th June*, 1895.

The Summer Medal and Singapore Cup were played for on this day, in fine weather, with the course very dry.

F. S. Ireland was the winner of the Medal with a score of 101, and of the Cup with 101 + 4 = 105. Mr. Ireland's score of 101 stands as the Record of the Green for any scoring Competition of the Club.

WM. ALEXANDER ADAM.
Captain 1897.

His card was :

1st Round	3	3	4	6	7	3	5	=	31
2nd „	4	5	6	6	6	4	7	=	38
3rd „	4	4	4	6	6	3	5	=	32
									101

21*st April*, 1896. *Annual Day.*

Mr. F. S. Ireland was unanimously re-elected Captain for the ensuing year.

In the evening the members and their friends (86 in number in all) dined together at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

6*th April*, 1897. *Annual Day.*

Mr. W. A. Adam was unanimously elected Captain of the Club for the ensuing year. Mr. W. G. Barnes was re-elected Hon. Secretary, and Mr. J. Steggall Sawyer Hon. Treasurer.

In the evening the members and their friends, to the number of 93, dined together at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

Mr. W. A. Adam was installed as Captain of the Club with the accustomed ceremony.

During the evening it was announced from the Chair that a member had offered a valuable Challenge Prize, as a Souvenir of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and at the same time to commemorate the two years' Captaincy of Mr. F. S. Ireland, to be played for as the Committee might direct.

22nd April, 1897.

It was reported that the offer announced by the Captain at the last Annual Dinner emanated from Mr. Richard Winch, and it was decided that the Cup (this being the form which the Donor determined the Prize should take) be called "The Diamond Jubilee Challenge Cup." A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Winch for his liberal offer.

It was proposed by F. S. Ireland, seconded by W. A. Adam, and carried unanimously, that the Cup should be played for annually, by a Single Tournament in match play, under the handicap in force at the date of the draw.

2nd July, 1897.

A Silver Challenge Cup was this day presented to the Club by W. A. Adam, the Captain. (See below, page 196.)

21st July, 1897.

Thirty-four members entered the first Tournament for the Diamond Jubilee Challenge Cup. The final heat in the Tournament was played this day, with the result that Mr. F. S. Ireland, playing from scratch, became the first holder of the Cup, Mr. Robert Whyte, with a handicap of 8, being the runner up.

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE CHALLENGE CUP.

The gift of Mr. Richard Winch.

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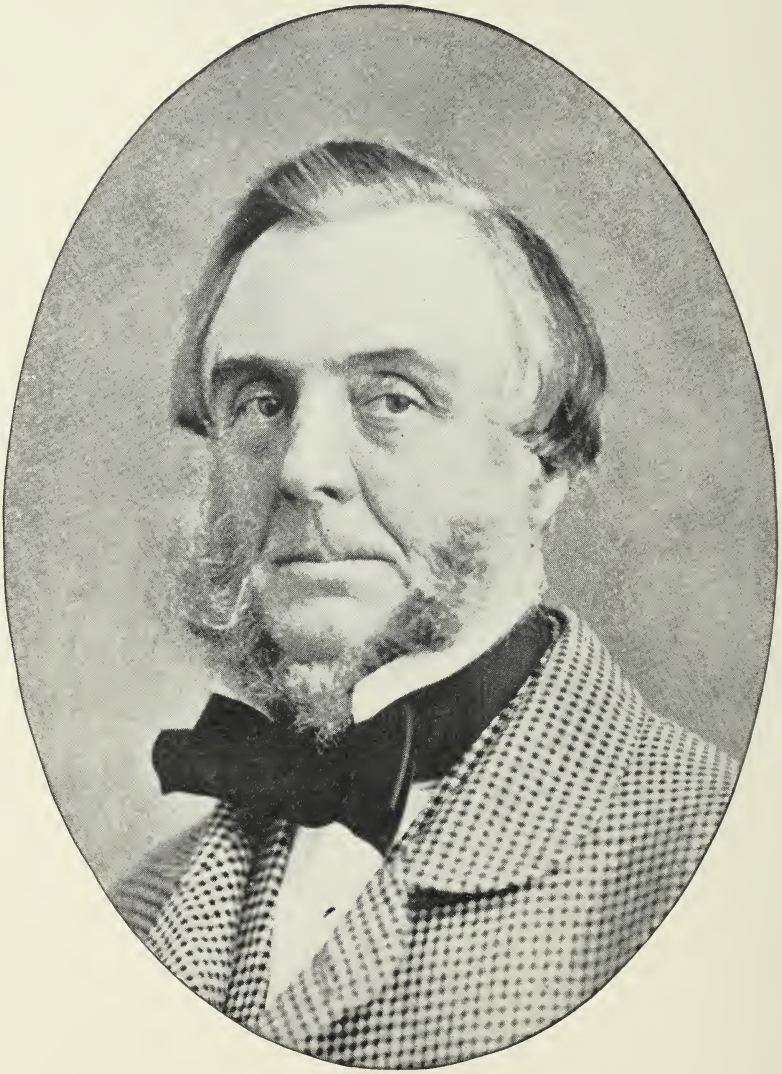

SIR HUGH HUME CAMPBELL, BART.

Field Marshal 1874–1894.

PART VI.

LISTS OF OFFICERS

AND OF

MEDAL AND CUP WINNERS.

FIELD MARSHALS OF THE BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

	Invested	
John Walker *		
Wm. Wilson	2nd April	1808.
Thos. Longlands	11th May	1816.
Thos. Jameson	4th November	1826.
Alex. Innes	4th April	1829.
Geo. Lindsay	16th April	1831.
Robt. Stewart Flemying . .	17th January	1857.
Chas. Sutherland	10th April	1858.
Sir Hugh Hume Campbell, Bart. .	16th April	1874.
Lt.-Col. Edmund Hegan Kennard .	17th April	1894.

CAPTAINS OF THE BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB SINCE 1766.

Year.		*Year.*	
1766.	Alexander Duncan.	1774.	Thomas Walker.
1767.	Alexander Duncan.	1775.	
1768.	William Wilson.	1776.	Thomas Walker.
1769.	Charles Suttie.	1777.	James Gilmour.
1770.	Thomas Walker.	1778.	William Innes.
1771.	David Stuart.	1779.	
1772.	Charles Suttie.	1780.	
1773.	George Alexander.	1781.	Thomas Walker.

* A Medal was presented to Mr. John Walker, *as Field Marshal*, on the 2nd October, 1802.

CAPTAINS OF THE BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB SINCE 1766—*continued.*

Year.	
1782.	John Walker.
1783.	Duncan Campbell.
1784.	Arthur Edie.
1785.	William Row.
1786.	Coll Turner.
1787.	Alexander Learmonth.
1788.	William Hamilton.
1789.	Charles Gregorie.
1790.	Henry Callender.
1791.	James Duff.
1792.	Thomas Longlands.
1793.	George M. Macaulay.
1794.	Arthur Edie.
1795.	John Walker.
1796.	Peter Lawrie.
1797.	William Christie.
1798.	Thomas Longlands.
1799.	Thomas Longlands.
1800.	John Boyd.
1801.	Henry Callender.
1802.	John Walker.
1803.	Alexander Innes.
1804.	William Wilson.
1805.	Thomas Yuille.
1806.	James Beverley Duncan.
1807.	Henry Callender.
1808.	James Walker.
1809.	Thomas Longlands.
1810.	Thomas Jameson.
1811.	James Loughnan.
1812.	Gotlieb Christian Ruperti.
1813.	Gotlieb Christian Ruperti.
1814.	William Hood.
1815.	John Leach.
1816.	Peter Lawrie.
1817.	George Lindsay.
1818.	Charles Laing.
1819.	Thomas Fennell.
1820.	George Lindsay.
1821.	Leslie Finlayson.
1822.	Leslie Finlayson.
1823.	Robert Stewart Flemyng.
1824.	William Alexander Cunningham.
1825.	John Masson.
1826.	John Robertson.
1827.	William Feckney Black.
1828.	William Black.
1829.	Archibald Hastie.
1830.	Alexander Dobie.
1831.	William Boxill.
1832.	William Duff.
1833.	Charles Sutherland.
1834.	James Edward Hadow.
1835.	Alexander Willis.
1836.	James Kemp.
1837.	Capt. Peter Cameron, H.C.S.
1838.	Samuel Granger.
1839.	Duncan Dunbar.
1840.	Alexander Hadden.
1841.	Charles Lewis.
1842.	George Glenny Anderson.
1843.	Alexander Ross.
1844.	Honble. Fox Maule.
1845.	Honble. Fox Maule.
1846.	Francis Grant, R.A.
1847.	John Hall.
1848.	Archibald Hastie, M.P.

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FRANCIS BENNOCH.

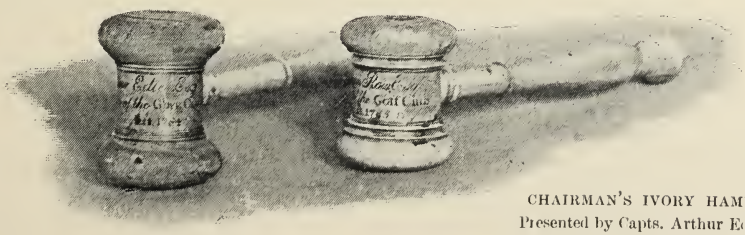
Captain 1860–61.

(*From an Oil Painting.*)

The Ranger's House, Greenwich Park, in the background.

CAPTAINS OF THE BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB SINCE 1766—*continued.*

Year.	
1849.	Archibald Hastie, M.P.
1850.	Sir Hugh Hume Campbell, Bart.
1851.	Alexander Duncan Anderson.
1852.	Rt. Honble. R. A. Christopher, M.P.
1853.	James Campbell.
1854.	Sir Thomas Moncrieffe, Bart.
1855.	Archibald Hamilton.
1856.	Captain Thomas Crosse.
1857.	Robert Henry Forman.
1858.	David Henry.
1859.	Rev. William Marsh.
1860.	Francis Bennoch.
1861.	John Cameron Macdonald.
1862.	George Glennie.
1863.	George Glennie.
1864.	Hayter Thornton Reed.
1865.	Samuel William Hyde.
1866.	James Lindsay Bennet.
1867.	James Wilkie Adamson.
1868.	John Anthony Rucker.
1869.	John Anthony Rucker.
1870.	Stephen Smith.
1871.	Henry Mason Buskin.
1872.	William McCandlish.
1873.	William McCandlish.
1874.	James Lindsay Bennet.
1875.	Lt.-Col. Edmund Hegan Kennard, M.P.
1876.	William Kieser.
1877.	William Kieser.
1878.	Honble. Charles Carnegie.
1879.	Thomas Marsh.
1880.	Thomas Marsh.
1881.	John Penn.
1882.	John Penn.
1883.	Thomas Arthur Raynes.
1884.	Thomas Arthur Raynes.
1885.	Frederic Stokes.
1886.	Frederic Stokes.
1887.	William George Barnes.
1888.	William George Barnes.
1889.	Robert Whyte.
1890.	Robert Whyte.
1891.	John George Gibson.
1892.	John George Gibson.
1893.	William Edward Hughes.
1894.	William Morris.
1895.	Frederick Schomberg Ireland.
1896.	Frederick Schomberg Ireland.
1897.	William Alexander Adam.



CHAIRMAN'S IVORY HAMMERS.
Presented by Capts. Arthur Edie, and William Row, 1784 and 1785.

SECRETARIES OF THE BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB FROM 1787.

1787–1790.	Henry Callender.
1791.	Wm. Hamilton.
1791–1795.	Alex. Innes.
1796–1800.	Henry Callender.
1801.	Alex. Innes.
1802–1805.	Henry Callender.
1807–1826.	Alex. Innes.
1827–1831.	Geo. Lindsay.
1832–1844.	John Masson.
1844–1850.	Major H. Jelf Sharp.
1850–1868.	Capt. Thomas Crosse.
1868–1886.	George Glennie.
1886–1891.	Francis Gilbert.
1891–1893.	Wm. Edwd. Hughes.
1893.	H. H. Turner.

Present Hon. Secretary, W. G. Barnes, elected in 1894.

TREASURERS OF THE BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

Charles Kensington was Treasurer of the Club in 1787, and remained so till the end of 1791, after which year the duties of Secretary and Treasurer were discharged by the same person up to April, 1894, when on Mr. Barnes being elected Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Steggall Sawyer was elected Hon. Treasurer, which office he has since held.

REGISTRARS OF THE KNUCKLE CLUB.

January to March, 1789.	Jas. Ferrier.
Season, 1789–90.	Chas. Grahame.
„ 1790–91.	Robt. Edie.
„ 1791–92.	Capt. Morse.
„ 1792–93.	Coll Turner.
„ 1793–94.	Thos. Jameson.

REGISTRARS OF THE KNUCKLE CLUB—*continued.*

Season, 1794–95.	Thos. Longlands.
„ 1795–96.	Robt. Duff.
„ 1796–97.	— Coningham.
„ 1797–98.	David Hunter.
„ 1798–99.	Kenneth Mackenzie.
„ 1799–1800.	John Mackenzie (of Bishopsgate Street).
8th Nov., 1800 to 11th Nov., 1820.	Peter Lawrie.
11th Nov. 1820 to 12th Nov., 1825.	G. C. Ruperti.

REGISTRARS OF THE BLACKHEATH WINTER GOLF CLUB.

12th Novr., 1825 to 15th Decr., 1827	Geo. Lindsay.
15th Decr., 1827 to Dissolution of Club 19th Febry., 1844	John Masson.

THE SPRING MEDAL

(Originally the Gold Medal of the Knuckle Club).

WINNERS

(*In the time of the Knuckle Club*).

Year.		*Strokes.*
1792.	Thomas Longlands	—
1793.	Coll Turner	123
1794.	Chas. Graham	124
1795.	Chas. Graham	125
1796.	Alex. Innes	121
1797.	Alex. Innes	124
1798.	Alex. Innes	—
1799.	Peter Lawrie	110
1800.	Peter Lawrie	125
1801.	Peter Lawrie	133
1802.	William Christie	116
1803.	Peter Lawrie	135
1804.	Peter Lawrie	132

WINNERS OF THE SPRING MEDAL—*continued.*

(*In the time of the Knuckle Club.*)

Year.		*Strokes.*
1805.	William Christie	125
1806.	Peter Lawrie	125
1807.	Alex. Innes	123
1808.	Wm. Wilson	127
1809.	William Christie	122
1810.	William Christie	—
1811.	Jas. Walker	134
1812.	Jas. Walker	—
1813.	G. C. Ruperti	—
1814.	G. C. Ruperti	—
1815.	G. C. Ruperti	—
1816.	Alex. Innes	123
1817.	Alex. Innes *	124
1818.	Chas. Laing	117
1819.	Geo. Lindsay	148
1820.	Leslie Finlayson	126
1821.	W. A. Cunningham	129
1822.	W. A. Cunningham	116
1823.	W. A. Cunningham	116
1824.	W. A. Cunningham	117
1825.	W. A. Cunningham †	125

WINNERS OF THE SPRING MEDAL

(*In the time of the Winter Golf Club*).

Year.		*Strokes.*
1826.	W. A. Cunningham	114
1827.	Wm. Black	111
1828.	Wm. Black	112
1829.	Wm. Black	107
1830.	Alex. Dobie	111

* Tied with Chas. Laing. Ruled to retain Medal as the Holder, *vide* page 29.

† Tied with Wm. Black, sen. Decided that, as the Holder, he do retain the Medal, *vide* page 33.

WINNERS OF THE SPRING MEDAL—*continued.*

(*In the time of the Winter Golf Club.*)

Year.		*Strokes.*
1831.	W. A. Cunningham *	121
1832.	W. A. Cunningham	108
1833.	Archibald Hastie	118
1834.	Archibald Hastie	114
1835.	G. G. Anderson	113
1836.	G. G. Anderson	121
1837.	G. G. Anderson	104
1838.	G. G. Anderson	114
1839.	G. G. Anderson	110
1840.	G. G. Anderson	103
1841.	G. G. Anderson	106
1842.	G. G. Anderson	113
1843.	Honble. Fox Maule †	175

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1844.	Medal not played for.	
1845.	A. H. Hope	162
1846.	Col. Low	146
1847.	Col. Low	149
1848.	Major H. Jelf Sharp	168
1849.	Archibald Hastie ‡	147
1850.	Rev. Wm. Marsh	143
1851.	Rev. Wm. Marsh	143
1852.	Lord Dupplin	138
1853.	E. H. Kennard	138
1854.	George Glennie §	129
1855.	George Glennie	131
1856.	Robert Hay	125

* After a tie with D. Dunbar. Another half round being played to decide (see page 38).

† This year this Medal was played for over a course of 21 holes, as it has been ever since. Previously it had been played for over a course of 15 holes.

‡ After a tie with Rev. Wm. Marsh.

§ After a tie with Hugh Bolton.

WINNERS OF THE SPRING MEDAL—*continued.*

(*Blackheath Golf Club.*)

Year.		*Strokes.*
1857.	Hugh Bolton	128
1858.	Hugh Bolton	128
1859.	Rev. Wm. Marsh	138
1860.	Capt. H. Jelf Sharp *	124
1861.	Capt. H. Jelf Sharp	129
1862.	H. M. Buskin	141
1863.	George Glennie	127
1864.	H. M. Buskin	133
1865.	George Glennie	136
1866.	H. M. Buskin	125
1867.	J. W. Adamson	132
1868.	H. M. Buskin	121
1869.	H. M. Buskin	120
1870.	H. M. Buskin	126
1871.	H. M. Buskin	125
1872.	H. M. Buskin	121
1873.	H. A. Lamb	125
1874.	D. G. Brown	130
1875.	D. G. Brown	133
1876.	D. G. Brown †	130
1877.	W. Laidlaw Purves	129
1878.	Frank Penn	120
1879.	Walter M. De Zoete	125
1880.	John Penn	121
1881.	H. A. Lamb	131
1882.	John Penn	119
1883.	Lt.-Col. E. H. Kennard ‡	122
1884.	John Penn	120
1885.	John Penn	113

* After a tie with Robert Hay.

† After a tie with W. Laidlaw Purves.

‡ After a tie with Frederic Stokes.

WINNERS OF THE SPRING MEDAL—*continued.*

(*Blackheath Golf Club.*)

Year.		*Strokes.*
1886.	Frederic Stokes *	127
1887.	J. G. Gibson	116
1888.	J. G. Gibson	119
1889.	Frederic Stokes	124
1890.	J. G. Gibson	120
1891.	E. F. S. Tylecote †	123
1892.	Walter H. Richardson ‡	119
1893.	A. Schacht	109
1894.	A. Schacht §	112
1895.	F. S. Ireland	113
1896.	F. S. Ireland	112
1897.	F. S. Ireland	108

* After a tie with W. H. Richardson and J. G. Gibson.
† After a tie with F. S. Ireland.
‡ After a tie with F. S. Ireland.
§ After a tie with F. S. Ireland.

THE SUMMER MEDAL.

WINNERS.

Date of Competition.	*Winners.*	*Strokes.*
21st June 1823.	Wm. Black	105
24th July 1824.	Wm. Black	104
4th June 1825.	Wm. Black	106
3rd June 1826.	R. S. Flemyng * . . .	107
9th June 1827.	R. S. Flemyng . . .	102
7th June 1828.	W. A. Cunningham . .	104
26th June 1829.	Wm. Black	106
5th June 1830.	W. A. Cunningham . .	113
11th June 1831.	Alexr. Dobie	105

* After a tie with W. A. Cunningham.

WINNERS OF THE SUMMER MEDAL—*continued.*

Date of Competition.	*Winners.*	*Strokes.*
2nd June 1832.	John Masson	104
8th June 1833.	Archibald Hastie . . .	109
7th June 1834.	Archibald Hastie * . . .	109
6th June 1835.	Archibald Hastie . . .	106
11th June 1836.	Alexr. Dobie	107
10th June 1837.	Andrew Jopp	101
9th June 1838.	G. G. Anderson . . .	102
15th June 1839.	Duncan Dunbar . . .	104
6th June 1840.	Duncan Dunbar . . .	111
19th June 1841.	G. G. Anderson . . .	107
4th June 1842.	G. G. Anderson . . .	108
3rd June 1843.	Andrew Jopp	108
8th June 1844. †	Andrew Jopp	129
14th June 1845.	Major Jelf Sharp . . .	149
20th June 1846.	Honble. H. Coventry ‡ . .	135
12th June 1847.	T. H. Lloyd Anstruther . .	145
10th June 1848.	Thomas Ritchie . . .	169
9th June 1849.	Rev. Wm. Marsh . . .	143
8th June 1850.	Rev. Wm. Marsh . . .	136
14th June 1851.	Rev. Wm. Marsh . . .	142
12th June 1852.	David Henry	141
11th June 1853.	David Henry	128
10th June 1854.	George Glennie . . .	134
9th June 1855.	George Glennie . . .	121
14th June 1856.	George Glennie . . .	127
23rd June 1857.	Sir T. Moncrieffe . . .	129
12th June 1858.	H. M. Buskin . . .	126
16th June 1859.	George Glennie . . .	121
14th June 1860.	George Glennie . . .	138
20th June 1861.	George Glennie . . .	126

* After a tie with Duncan Dunbar.

† The first year this Medal was played for over a course of 21 holes, as it has been ever since. Previously it had always been played for over a course of 15 holes.

‡ After a tie with Col. Low.

WINNERS OF THE SUMMER MEDAL—*continued.*

Date of Competition.	*Winners.*	*Strokes.*
12th June 1862.	H. M. Buskin	125
11th June 1863.	George Glennie	130
9th June 1864.	George Glennie	125
8th June 1865.	George Glennie	131
14th June 1866.	J. W. Adamson	132
13th June 1867.	H. M. Buskin	117
11th June 1868.	H. M. Buskin	124
10th June 1869.	Wm. Dingwall Fordyce	126
23rd June 1870.	Lt.-Col. E. H. Kennard	128
15th June 1871.	J. C. Baldwin	116
13th June 1872.	H. M. Buskin	129
19th June 1873.	H. A. Lamb	128
18th June 1874.	D. G. Brown	126
10th June 1875.	W. Laidlaw Purves	129
22nd June 1876.	D. Brown *	127
21st June 1877.	D. G. Brown	122
27th June 1878.	† Tie — D. G. Brown	126
	† Tie — W. Brand	126
19th June 1879.	D. G. Brown	124
17th June 1880.	H. A. Lamb	119
16th June 1881.	H. A Lamb ‡	120
13th June 1882.	Lt.-Col. E. H. Kennard	125
19th June 1883.	John Penn §	128
19th June 1884.	W. Laidlaw Purves	118
4th June 1885.	Frederic Stokes	119
3rd June 1886.	A. Crawford	119
9th June 1887.	J. G. Gibson	124
7th June 1888.	J. G. Gibson	116
4th June 1889.	Frederic Stokes	124

* After a tie with D. G. Brown; the tie being played off at St. Andrews.

† This tie was never played off.

‡ After a tie with Thos. Bett.

§ After a tie with T. A. Raynes.

WINNERS OF THE SUMMER MEDAL—*continued.*

Date of Competition.	*Winners.*	*Strokes.*
3rd June 1890.	George H. Ireland *	117
9th June 1891.	E. F. S. Tylecote	123
21st June 1892.	J. G. Gibson	114
6th June 1893.	Robert Whyte †	113
5th June 1894.	F. S. Ireland	112
18th June 1895.	F. S. Ireland ‡	101
2nd June 1896.	J. G. Gibson	117
1st June 1897.	J. G. Gibson	110

* After a tie with W. O. S. Pell.

† After a tie with A. Schacht.

‡ F. S. Ireland's score on this occasion is the Club record of the Green.

THE BOMBAY MEDAL.

WINNERS.

Year.		*Strokes.*
1848.	Charles Sutherland	—
1849.	Rev. Wm. Marsh	147
1850.	Rev. Wm. Marsh	142
1851.	David Henry	148
1852.	Rev. Wm. Marsh	140
1853.	Medal not awarded *	
1854.	E. H. Kennard	135
1855.	J. W. Wood	134
1856.	W. H. Nichol	123

* *Vide* page 137.

WINNERS OF THE BOMBAY MEDAL—*continued.*

Year.		*Strokes.*
1857.	David Henry	143
1858.	George Glennie	122
1859.	George Glennie *	128
1860.	J. W. Adamson	131
1861.	H. M. Buskin	126
1862.	H. M. Buskin	121
1863.	H. M. Buskin	129
1864.	George Glennie	129
1865.	H. M. Buskin	129
1866.	H. M. Buskin	130
1867.	George Glennie	125
1868.	H. M. Buskin	—
1869.	H. M. Buskin	127
1870.	Thos. Marsh	126
1871.	H. A. Lamb	116
1872.	H. M. Buskin	123
1873.	H. M. Buskin	127
1874.	D. G. Brown	129
1875.	D. G. Brown	122
1876.	H. A. Lamb	127
1877.	Stephen Smith	126
1878.	Thos. Marsh	125
1879.	Walter M. de Zoete	126
1880.	John Penn	123
1881.	John Penn	122
1882.	W. Laidlaw Purves	124
1883.	H. A. Lamb †	123
1884.	Walter H. Richardson	116
1885.	John Penn	121
1886.	Frederic Stokes	130
1887.	J. G. Gibson	124

* After a tie with Hugh Bolton and H. M. Buskin.

† After a tie with Frederic Stokes.

WINNERS OF THE BOMBAY MEDAL—*continued.*

Year.		*Strokes.*
1888.	J. G. Gibson	116
1889.	J. G. Gibson *	130
1890.	Robert Whyte	130
1891.	W. O. S. Pell	118
1892.	F. S. Ireland	123
1893.	A. Schacht	118
1894.	A. Schacht	125
1895.	J. L. Low	113
1896.	F. S. Ireland	115
1897.	F. S. Ireland	109

* After tieing twice with Capt. H. Gillon.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY'S MEDAL.

WINNERS.

Year.		*Strokes.*
1860.	Ralph Dalyell	134
1861.	J. W. Adamson	133
1862.	Hugh Bolton	127
1863.	Ralph Dalyell	136
1864.	J. Steven	150
1865.	Charles Sutherland, Junr.	143
1866.	Charles Sutherland, Junr. . . .	*walked over*
1867.	Thos. Marsh	135
1868.	J. Lindsay Bennet	—
1869.	George Glennie	—
1870.	D. G. Brown	129

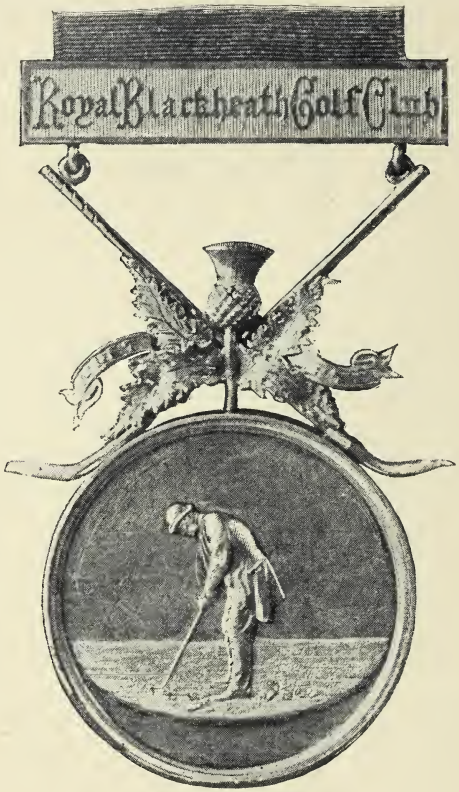
WINNERS OF THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY'S MEDAL—*continued.*

Year.		*Strokes.*
1871.	H. M. Buskin.	130
1872.	H. A. Lamb	120
1873.	H. A. Lamb	128
1874.	H. M. Buskin.	125
1875.	John Bett	132
1876.	A. Dennistoun	133
1877.	Lt.-Col. E. H. Kennard	123
1878.	D. G. Brown	118
1879.	Frederic Stokes	128
1880.	Walter M. de Zoete	131
1881.	D. G. Brown *	130

This Medal was played for, for 5 years, as a Second Medal, and won by the second best gross score in the Competition for the George Glennie Medal.

Year.		*Strokes.*
1882.	Tie { F. C. Crawford / W. Laidlaw Purves } . . .	131
1883.	Walter M. de Zoete	121
1884.	D. Brown	122
1885.	Frederic Stokes	120
1886.	Walter H. Richardson	124
	Play for this Medal discontinued for 3 years.	
1890.	J. G. Gibson	118
1891.	F. S. Ireland	116
1892.	J. G. Gibson	113
1893.	J. G. Gibson	114
1894.	F. S. Ireland	119
1895.	F. S. Ireland	114
1896.	F. S. Ireland	119

* After tieing twice with Wm. Penn.



THE GEORGE GLENNIE MEDAL.

WINNERS.

Year.		*Strokes.*
1881.	John Penn *	132
1882.	H. A. Lamb	127
1883.	H. A. Lamb	118
1884.	F. C. Crawford	117
1885.	Walter H. Richardson †	120

* After a tie with D. G. Brown.

† After a tie with Frederic Stokes.

WINNERS OF THE GEORGE GLENNIE MEDAL—*continued.*

Year.		*Strokes.*
1886.	J. G. Gibson	123
1887.	Frederic Stokes	121
1888.	Frederic Stokes	119
1889.	Frederic Stokes	121
1890.	J. G. Gibson	115
1891.	W. O. S. Pell	117
1892.	A. Schacht *	116
1893.	J. G. Gibson	119
1894.	A. Schacht	116
1895.	F. S. Ireland	112
1896.	F. S. Ireland	111

* After a tie with J. G. Gibson.

MEDAL MEMENTO.

THE CALCUTTA CUP.

(Now played for on the Photographic Society's Medal day.)

WINNERS.

Year.		Scores. *Gross.*	*Hdcp.*	*Net.*
1875.	Walter H. Richardson .	141	10	131
1876.	W. Laidlaw Purves . .	122	*scr.*	122
1877.	Frank Penn . . .	121	4	117
1878.	Thomas Marsh . . .	122	6	116
1879.	John Penn . . .	126	4	122
1880.	J. H. Nelson . . .	147	21	126
1881.	William Penn . . .	134	4	130
1882.	A. Stewart . . .	149	21	128
1883.	Tie { D. G. Brown . .	118	*scr.*	118
	{ E. M. Protheroe . .	130	12	118
1884.	E. M. Protheroe . .	130	10	120
1885.	Frederic Stokes . .	120	*scr.*	120
1886.	Robert Whyte . . .	127	9	118
1887.	G. F. Sanders . . .	128	13	115
1888.	Frederic Stokes . . .	118	*scr.*	118
1889.	George H. Ireland . .	129	10	119
1890.	J. G. Gibson . . .	118	+ 1	119
1891.	F. S. Ireland . . .	116	2	114
1892.	J. G. Gibson . . .	113	*scr.*	113
1893.	J. G. Gibson . . .	114	+ 1	115
1894.	Lieut.-Col. Surg. Staples .	140	21	119
1895.	Gilbert Spurling . .	125	13	112
1896.	D. Christopherson . .	129	21	108

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THE SINGAPORE CUP.

THE SINGAPORE CUP.

(Now played for on the Summer Medal Day.)

WINNERS.

Year.		Scores. *Gross.*	*Hdcp.*	*Net.*
1876.	Stephen Smith . . .	131	6	125
1877.	T. A. Raynes . . .	137	15	122
1878.	Sir Hugh Hume Campbell .	126	15	111
1879.	Walter M. de Zoete . .	125	4	121
1880.	John Penn . . .	121	*scr.*	121
1881.	C. Stanley Williams . .	147	21	126
1882.	John Penn . . .	119	*scr.*	119
1883.	W. K. Graham . . .	127	12	115
1884.	John Penn . . .	120	*scr.*	120
1885.	John Penn . . .	113	*scr.*	113
1886.	G. F. Sanders . . .	134	21	113
1887.	J. G. Gibson . . .	116	*scr.*	116
1888.	Major A. W. Anstruther .	127	12	115
1889.	E. F. S. Tylecote . .	133	16	117
1890.	H. H. Turner . . .	128	19	109
1891.	John Osmond . . .	134	18	116
1892.	Walter H. Richardson . .	119	4	115
1893.	C. Lethbridge . . .	127	21	106
1894.	F. S. Ireland . . .	112	*scr.*	112
1895.	F. S. Ireland . . .	101	+ 4	105
1896.	Richard Winch . . .	123	14	109
1897.	J. G. Gibson . . .	110	5	105

THE PENN CUP.

(Now played for on the George Glennie Medal Day.)

WINNERS.

Year.		Scores. *Gross.*	*Hdcp.*	*Net.*
1885.	C. Chaloner-Smith . .	131	19	112
1886.	T. A. Raynes . . .	123	11	112
1887.	G. H. Frean . . .	127	17	110
1888.	J. G. Gibson . . .	121	*scr.*	121
1889.	E. F. S. Tylecote . .	131	13	118
1890.	A. H. Newington . .	119	8	111
1891.	W. E. Hughes . . .	119	6	113
1892.	W. K. Graham . . .	125	13	112
1893.	W. A. Adam . . .	134	21	113
1894.	W. E. Hughes . . .	126	8	118
1895.	Revd. F. W. S. Le Lièvre .	119	9	110
1896.	F. S. Ireland . . .	111	+ 5	116

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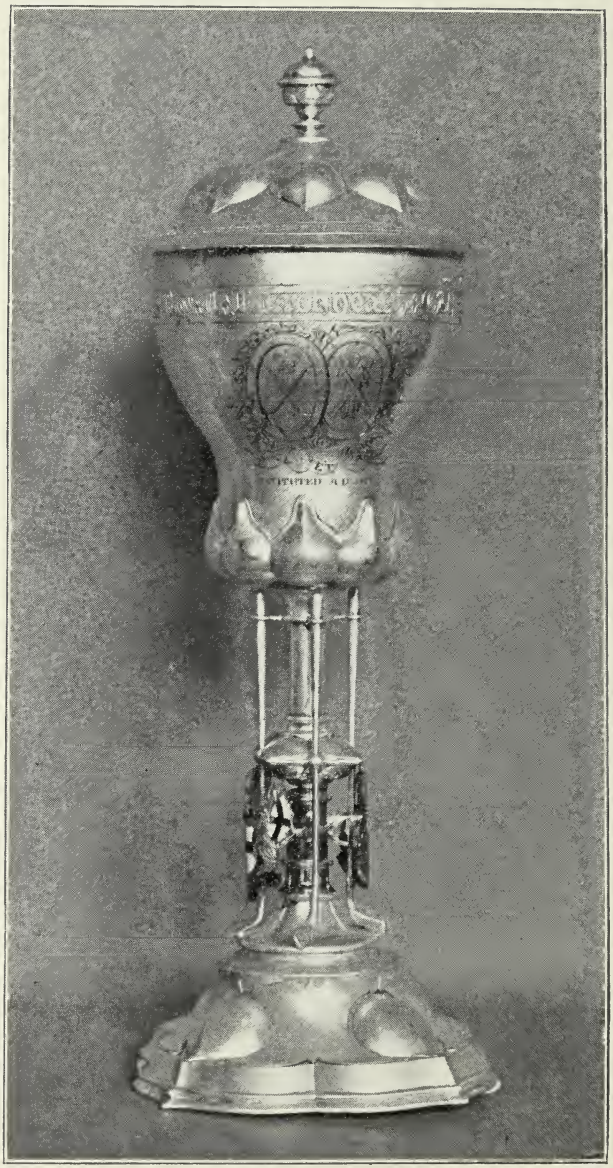

THE KNILL CUP.

THE KNILL CUP.

(Played for on the Spring Medal Day).

WINNERS.

Year.	*Winners.*	Scores. *Gross.*	*Hdcp.*	*Net.*
1894.	E. F. S. Tylecote . .	115	9	106
1895.	E. Pinkerton . . .	122	11	111
1896.	W. Murray . . .	130	21	109
1897.	S. Castle	122	18	104

CUP MEMENTOS.

THE ADAM CUP.

IT having occurred to Mr. W. A. Adam, the Captain, that there was a certain incompleteness in one only of the Annual Medal Days of the Blackheath Golf Club—the Bombay Medal Day—lacking the additional attraction of a Challenge Cup, to be played for under handicap, at the same time as the Medal: that gentleman, on the 2nd July, 1897, offered a Silver Challenge Cup to the Club, expressing his wishes that it should be called the Adam Challenge Cup, and be played for annually, under handicap limited to twenty-one strokes, on the same day as the Bombay Medal.

The Cup was accepted with the thanks of the Club, to be played for in accordance with Mr. Adams' wishes. As the play for the Bombay Medal takes place in February each year, the first competition for this Cup will not be held until the month of February, 1898.

The Adam Challenge Cup
PRESENTED TO
THE ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB
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W. & A. ADAM

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PART VII.

REGULATIONS AND RULES.

THE Knuckle Club and the Blackheath Winter Golf Club, as we have previously noticed, boasted no Rules of the game of Golf of their own, and the resolutions of the older body appear to have sufficed both those Clubs for the regulation of their society.

The accounts of the Blackheath Golf Club for 1789 contain—

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To paid for printing the Laws and for account Books . .	2	6	9

We have not, however, been fortunate enough to come across any set of Rules of prior date to those settled in 1828. New rules of the Club and Game were, as before mentioned, adopted in the year 1844, and there have been sundry revisions of Rules from time to time since.

Although conscious that it leads to some little repetition, we have set forth, pretty well *in extenso*, several revised editions of the Rules, specially those of the Game, thinking that it may

interest the present generation of Golfers to note the gradual modification, or we should perhaps say development, which took place in some of the Blackheath Laws of the Game, before the Club adopted the Rules of the Game of Golf as settled by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, superadding some necessary Local Rules of their own.

REGULATIONS

OF

THE GOLF CLUB, BLACKHEATH.

(*As revised, and amended by the Committee in* 1828.)

I. That each Member shall pay an annual Subscription of Two Guineas and a Half.

II. That no Gentleman shall be proposed as a Candidate for admission without his having dined with the Club as a Visitor.

III. That every Candidate for admission shall be proposed, at least, one Club day before his being balloted for, which ballot shall be by five or more Members, one negative to exclude.

IV. That every Member who shall propose a Candidate shall be answerable for his first Subscription of Three Guineas and a Half.

V. That in case any Member shall leave Town for a whole season, he shall be excused paying the Annual Subscription, but may still be continued a Member of the Club.

VI. That notice shall be given in two newspapers of the Anniversary Meeting to play for the Gold Medal, which shall be deemed a sufficient intimation to the Members.

VII. That the Club meet on the first Saturday in April, and continue to the first Saturday in November inclusive, and that Dinner be provided every Saturday, agreeable to the Regulations in the Books of the Club.

VIII. That the Members appear every Saturday in the uniform dress of the Club.

IX. That one week's notice in writing shall be given before any motion regarding the Laws or Regulations of the Club can be debated.

X. That if any doubt or dispute, not specifically provided for by these Regulations, shall occur, the Members present shall be referred to for decision.

XI. That the Laws of the Game hereunto subjoined * shall be those by which the Members of the Blackheath Golf Club are to be governed, and by no others, upon any pretence whatever.

REGULATIONS

OF

THE BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

Founded upon the Resolutions passed on the 4th and 18th of May, 1844.

Rule I. The general management of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in a Committee, consisting of the Captain, Secretary, and Five Members, all of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting in March. The Committee, together with George Lindsay, Esq., a Life Member of the same, shall have full power to arrange all the ordinary business of the Club, including the engaging a Golf House and hiring a Club Servant, who shall be removable at a month's notice. Two, with the Secretary, to be a quorum.

II. An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held on the Spring Medal-day (the second Saturday in March), when the Secretary shall lay before the Meeting a clear statement of the affairs of the Club, audited by the Committee; and Special General Meetings shall be called by the Committee when they think fit, or on a requisition to the Captain, or, in his absence, to the Secretary, signed by any five or more Members, stating precisely the resolutions to be proposed, and to which such Special Meeting shall be confined. Members in arrear shall not

* These are set out at p. 213, *infra*.

be entitled to vote at *any* Meeting. No General Meeting shall be held from August to November, both inclusive.

III. The names of all Candidates for admission into the Club, on being proposed and seconded by two Members, shall be put up by the Committee in the Club-room, at least one week previous to the Ballot, which shall take place on the second Saturday in every month, from *Twelve to One.* Not less than five Members to vote, and one black ball in five to exclude ; Candidates may, however, be admitted on the recommendation of the Committee, by unanimous acclamation, at any General Meeting.

IV. The Annual Subscription shall be *Three Guineas*, payable in advance on the Spring Medal-day, the second Saturday in March. Entrance money for new Members, *One Guinea.* The names of Members whose Annual Subscriptions are not paid by the First of May in each Year shall be put up in the Club-room by the Committee. No Member in arrear shall be competent to play for the Medals.

V. Members of other Golf Clubs being casually in London for a short time shall, with the sanction of the Committee, and on their names being entered in a book to be kept for that purpose, be allowed the privileges of Honorary Members during their stay, not exceeding one *month*, on the payment of *One Guinea;* but no person *resident* in London or its neighbourhood, during any part of the year, shall be permitted any such privilege, without becoming Members of the Club.

VI. In case any Member of the Club shall be absent from London *for a whole year*, he shall be excused paying the Annual Subscription for that year, but may still be continued a Member of the Club ; Members who may have at any time discontinued attendance at the Club shall, with the sanction of the Committee, be at liberty to rejoin it as Subscribing Members, on the payment of the fine of *One Guinea*, in addition to the current Subscription, provided their names stand on the records of the Club as having been Subscribing Members, duly elected.

VII. Honorary Members shall continue to be elected by acclamation, as heretofore, and shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Club, except attending, or voting at, Meetings.

VIII. The principal Club Dinners shall be held on the Medal Days, which shall be the second Saturday in March and the second Saturday in June, unless the Committee, giving due notice, shall find it necessary to alter them; and Dinner Meetings shall likewise take place on the second Saturdays in December, January, February, April, May, and July. *Two Guineas* to be paid from the Funds of the Club for *each* Dinner, the remainder of the expense to be divided amongst those present.

IX. Members shall appear in their Red Coats on the Medal Days.

X. Notice shall be given in two Newspapers of the Meetings to play for the Medals, which shall be deemed sufficient intimation to the Members. New holes shall be made on those days, and no play shall take place on the Green until after the Medals are played for. The Committee to fix the course for the Medals, and make all necessary arrangements.

XI. One fortnight's notice in writing shall be given to every Member of the Club before any Motion regarding the Rules and Regulations of the Club can be entertained.

XII. It shall be competent for three-fourths of the Members present at a General Meeting to expel any Member who may have wilfully acted contrary to the Rules and Constitution of the Club, and on remonstrance from the Committee shall continue so to act, or otherwise render himself obnoxious to the Members of the Club, provided that previous special notice shall have been given, that the conduct of such Member would be taken into consideration at the said Meeting.

XIII. A printed copy of these Rules, together with the Laws of the Game, shall be sent to every Member of the Club; and if any doubt shall arise as to the proper construction of any of them, the matter shall be referred to the Committee for decision, subject to an appeal to a General Meeting.

RULES

OF

THE ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB,

(*Adopted in* 1860).

Management.

I. The general management of the Club shall be vested in a Committee, consisting of the Captain, Secretary, and five Members, to be elected at the Annual General Meeting in April. The Trustees shall be members *ex officio*. The Committee having full power to arrange the business of the Club; three to be a quorum.

General Meetings.

II. An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held on the Spring Medal Day (the second Saturday in April), when the Secretary shall lay before the Meeting a clear statement of the affairs of the Club, duly audited. Special General Meetings may be called on a requisition to the Captain, or, in his absence, to the Secretary, signed by at least five Members, stating precisely the resolutions to be proposed. Members in arrear shall not be entitled to vote at any Meeting.

Election of Members.

III. The names of all Candidates for admission into the Club, on being proposed and seconded by two Members, must be submitted to the Committee, and if approved, shall be posted in the Club Room at least two weeks previous to the ballot, which shall take place on a Saturday, between the hours of One and Five. Not less than five Members to vote; one black ball in five to exclude. Candidates who are members of any established Golf Club may be admitted by unanimous acclamation at a General Meeting.

Subscriptions.

IV. The Annual Subscription shall be Two Guineas, payable in advance on the Spring Medal day (the second Saturday in April); Entrance Fee, Three Guineas. The names of Members whose Annual Subscriptions are not paid up by the First of May in each year shall be posted in the Club-Room. No Member in arrear shall be competent to play for Medals or other Prizes.

Introduction of Friends.

V. Each Member may introduce a friend for four consecutive weeks, on paying Five Shillings a week, which shall entitle him to the use of the Rooms for that period. Members wishing for their friends an extension of the above time must make application to the Committee.

Absent Members.

VI. Should any Member of the Club be absent for a year, he may be continued a Member on the payment of Half-a-Guinea per annum during his absence, which must be paid on the second Saturday in April, but should the Half-Guinea not be paid by the First of June, his name shall be erased from the list. Should the Member, however, be abroad in the service of his country, no payment will be required.

Life Members.

VII. On the recommendation of the Committee, Life Members may be elected at any General Meeting of the Club by acclamation, and be entitled to all the privileges of membership.

Honorary Members.

VIII. On the recommendation of the Committee, Honorary Members may be elected by acclamation at any General Meeting, and on election, be entitled to all the privileges of the Club, except attending or voting at Meetings and playing for Medals and other Prizes.

Resignation and Re-Election.

IX. Gentlemen who resign, and afterwards wish to rejoin the Club, must be balloted for, and on re-admission will not be required to pay the Entrance Fee, but the Annual Subscription of Two Guineas only, and their names must be placed at the bottom of the list.

Medal Days.

X. The Spring Medal shall be played for on the second Saturday in April; the Summer Medal on the second Thursday in June; the Blackheath Photographic Society's Medal on the second Thursday in August; and the Bombay Medal on the second Saturday in October. On each medal day a Set of Prize Clubs and Balls shall be given as Second and Third Prizes. The competitors to be handicapped by the Secretary and Club-keeper. A Set of Prize Clubs and Balls shall be competed for, in like manner, on the second Saturday in February. The Committee to have power to alter any of those days when necessary, of which due notice shall be given. Members competing for Medals or Prizes must previously pay the full Subscription of Two Guineas.

Notice of Medal Days.

XI. Notice shall be given in *The Times* newspaper of the Meetings to play for the Medals, which shall be deemed sufficient intimation to the Members. The Committee to fix the Medal Course, and make all other necessary arrangements.

Dinners.

XII. The principal Club Dinners shall be held on the Medal days. All bets or matches made at Club Dinners and Dinner Meetings shall be for the benefit of a Dinner Fund, to be expended at the discretion of the competitors.

Uniform when Playing.

XIII. Members are specially requested to appear in their red coats when Golfing.

Alteration of Rules.

XIV. One fortnight's notice, by letter, must be given to every Member of the Club before any motion concerning the Laws and Regulations of the Club can be entertained.

Expulsion of Members.

XV. It shall be competent for three-fourths of the Members present at a General Meeting to expel any Member who may have wilfully acted contrary to the Rules and Constitution of the Club, and on remonstrance from the Committee shall continue so to act, or otherwise render himself obnoxious to the Members, provided that previous special notice has been given, that the conduct of such Member will be taken into consideration at the said Meeting.

Copy of Rules to Each Member.

XVI. A printed copy of these Rules, together with the Laws of the Game, shall be sent to every Member of the Club. If any doubt shall arise as to the proper construction of any Rule or Law, the matter shall be referred to the Committee for decision, subject to an appeal to a General Meeting.

RULES

OF

THE ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

(*Adopted in* 1868.)

Management.

I. The general management of the Club shall be vested in a Committee consisting of the Captain, the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and five Members, to be elected at the Annual General Meeting in April, the Trustees being Members *ex officio*, and the Committee having full power to arrange the business of the Club ; three to be a quorum.

General Meetings.

II. An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held on the Spring Medal day (the second Saturday in April), when the Secretary shall lay before the Meeting a clear statement of the affairs of the Club, duly audited. Special General Meetings may be called on a requisition to the Captain, or, in his absence, to the Secretary, signed by at least five Members, stating precisely the resolutions to be proposed. Members in arrear shall not be entitled to vote at any Meeting.

Election of Members.

III. The names of all Candidates for admission into the Club, on being proposed and seconded by two Members, must be submitted to the Committee, and if approved, shall be posted in the Club Room at least two weeks previous to the ballot, which shall take place on a Saturday, between the hours of One and Five. Not less than five Members to vote ; one black ball in five to exclude.

Subscriptions.

IV. The Annual Subscription shall be Three Guineas, payable in advance on the First of April; Entrance Fee, Two Guineas; but the Annual Subscription for Members not having a residence in London or the suburbs shall be One Guinea per annum. Should a Member, however, be abroad in the service of his country, no payment will be required. The names of Members whose Annual Subscriptions are not paid by the First of July in each year shall be posted in the Club Room. No Member in arrear shall be competent to play for Medals or other Prizes. Members whose Subscriptions shall remain unpaid for two years shall cease to be Members of the Club, and their names erased from the list of Members, unless they are retained by sanction of the Committee.

Life Members.

V. On the recommendation of the Committee, Life Members may be elected at any General Meeting of the Club by acclamation, and be entitled to all the privileges of Membership.

Honorary Members.

VI. On the recommendation of the Committee, Honorary Members may be elected by acclamation at any General Meeting, and on election be entitled to all the privileges of the Club, except attending or voting at Meetings, and playing for Medals and other Prizes.

Resignation and Re-election.

VII. Gentlemen who have been Members, and wish to rejoin the Club, may be balloted for on approval of the Committee, their names to be posted in the Club Room at least two weeks previous to the ballot, and on re-admission will not be required to pay the Entrance Fee, but the Annual Subscription of Three Guineas only.

Medal Days.

VIII. The Spring Medal shall be played for on the second Saturday in April; the Summer Medal on the second Thursday in June; the Bombay Medal on the second Saturday in October; and the Photographic Society's Medal on the second Saturday in February. The Committee having power to alter any of those days when necessary, of which due notice shall be given.

Notice of Medal Days.

IX. Notice shall be given in *The Times* newspaper and posted in the Club-Room, of the Meetings to play for the Medals, which shall be deemed sufficient intimation to the Members. The Committee to fix the Medal Course, and make all other necessary arrangements.

Dinners.

X. The principal Club Dinners shall be held on the Medal days. All bets or matches made at Club Dinners and Dinner Meetings shall be for the benefit of a Dinner Fund, to be expended at the discretion of the competitors.

Uniform when Playing.

XI. Members are especially requested to appear in their red coats when Golfing.

Alteration of Rules.

XII. One fortnight's notice by letter must be sent to every Member of the Club, at his last known place of residence, before any motion concerning the Laws and Regulations of the Club can be entertained.

Expulsion of Members.

XIII. The Committee shall have power to expel any Member, on receipt of a requisition to that effect signed by Ten Members of the Club, stating that such Member has rendered himself obnoxious to the others. The Committee to be unanimous if only Three Members are present, and a majority to exclude when there are more. The decision of the Committee to be final.

Copy of Rules to each Member.

XIV. A printed copy of these Rules, together with the Laws of the Game, shall be sent to every Member of the Club. If any doubt shall arise as to the proper construction of any Rule or Law, the matter shall be referred to the Committee for decision subject to an appeal to a General Meeting.

The Rules and Regulations of the Club, revised and settled in the year 1874, are identical with those adopted in 1868, with the following exceptions :—

In Rule I., seven is substituted for five, as the number of members for the Committee.

In Rule II., the second Thursday, instead of the second Saturday, in April is named as the Spring Medal day.

In Rule VIII., Thursday is substituted for Saturday whenever the latter day is named as a Medal day.

The Rules and Regulations of the Club revised and settled in the year 1879 are identical with those settled in 1874, with the exception that in Rule IV. the Entrance Fee is fixed at Five instead of Two Guineas.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

OF

THE ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

(*As agreed by a General Meeting of the Members, held at the Club House, on Thursday, 4th day of April*, 1889.)

I. Management.

1. The general management of the Club shall be vested in a Committee, consisting of the Captain, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, and seven Members. The Trustees of the Club shall be "ex officio" Members of the Committee. The Committee shall have full power to arrange the business of the Club ; three to form a quorum.

II. Election of Officers and Committee.

2. The Trustees of the Club shall be three Members, in whom its property shall vest. On a vacancy occurring by death or retirement, it shall be filled up at the next General Meeting.

3. The appointment of the Field Marshal is for life, or until he retires. Any vacancy shall be filled up at the next General Meeting.

4. The Captain, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected annually at the General Meeting, and are eligible for re-election.

5. The ordinary Members of the Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting; two shall retire annually by rotation, and be ineligible for election for one year. Any vacancy among the ordinary Members of the Committee may be temporarily filled up by the Committee, pending the next Annual General Meeting.

6. The Auditor of the Club shall be elected annually at the General Meeting, and is eligible for re-election.

III. General Meetings.

7. The Annual General Meeting shall be held on the day fixed for the Spring Medal Competition.

8. The Committee may call an Extraordinary General Meeting when any matter of urgent importance shall occur, and shall be bound to do so, on receiving a requisition signed by five Members of the Club, or by a Member who has been expelled within the preceding seven days.

9. A fortnight's notice of any General Meeting to be held shall be sent to each Member of the Club. Ten Members to form a quorum.

IV. Minutes.

10. The Hon. Secretary shall keep minutes of all proceedings in Committees and General Meetings.

V. Accounts.

11. The Hon. Treasurer shall, at the Annual General Meeting, lay the Annual Balance Sheet, duly audited, before the Meeting.

VI. Election of Members.

12. Candidates for election shall be balloted for by the Club, one black ball in five to exclude. A Candidate must be proposed and seconded by Members of the Club, one of whom must be personally acquainted with him. The Proposer shall send in the name of the Candidate to the Hon. Secretary, in writing, who shall post it in the Club room for 14 days before the ballot takes place.

13. Ordinary Members may be elected Life Members by an unanimous vote at any General Meeting.

14. The Committee may in its discretion elect Honorary Members, but such Members shall not vote at any Meetings nor play for Medals or Prizes.

VII. Entrance Fee and Annual Subscriptions.

15. The Entrance Fee shall be Five Guineas. The Annual Subscription shall be Three Guineas, payable in advance, on the 1st April. Members joining after the 31st July shall pay a subscription of Two Guineas, and after the 30th November One Guinea for the current year. The Annual Subscription for Members not having a residence in London or the suburbs shall be One Guinea, subject to the approval of the Committee.

16. A Candidate who shall fail to pay his Entrance Fee or Annual Subscription within one calendar month after notice of his election shall thereby render his election null and void.

17. Any Member or Candidate who has not paid his Entrance Fee or is in arrear with his subscription cannot compete for any Club prize, or vote at any meeting. Any Member leaving his subscription unpaid for six months shall cease to exercise any of the privileges of membership, and his name may, at the discretion of the Committee, be erased from the books of the Club, but may be replaced with their consent, and on payment of all arrears.

18. Members abroad for the whole of any year shall, on giving notice of intended absence, not be liable for any subscription for that year.

19. Any Member wishing to withdraw from the Club shall give notice in writing, before the 1st April next ensuing, to the Hon. Secretary, and shall pay all arrears due at that date. Any such Member subsequently wishing to rejoin shall, on re-election, not be required to pay any entrance fee.

VIII. Notice of Competitions.

20. Notice shall be given in the *Field* newspaper and posted in the Club Room, of the Meetings to play for the Club Prizes, which shall be deemed sufficient intimation to the Members. The Committee shall fix the dates, and make all necessary arrangements.

IX. Expulsion.

21. To expel a Member from the Club it shall be necessary that notice be sent to the Hon. Secretary, signed by five Members, acquainting him with the circumstances which gave rise to such notice. The Hon. Secretary shall then communicate with such Member (so that he may have the option of explaining or withdrawing from the Club), and shall call a meeting of the Committee, who are empowered to decide the question. A two-thirds majority of black balls shall expel. Any Member so expelled shall have a right of appeal to an Extraordinary

General Meeting, to be summoned within twenty-eight days of his expulsion; when a majority shall confirm the expulsion.

X. Admission of Visitors.

22. (*a*) Members may introduce friends to all the privileges of the Club, "except voting at any Meetings and playing for Medals and other Prizes," for one week without payment. The Visitor's name with the Member's signature to be inserted in a book kept for the purpose.

(*b*) But if for a longer period, the persons so admitted must be approved by the Committee, and a charge will be made of Ten Shillings per month or part of a month. A Visitor cannot avail himself of Clause 6 for a longer period than twelve months, nor in two consecutive years.

XI. Alteration of Rules.

23. No Rule of the Club shall be repealed or altered, and no new Rule shall be made, save by a majority of two-thirds of the Members present at a General Meeting; and two months' notice shall be given to each Member of the intention to propose any new Rule or alteration, and notice to that effect affixed in the principal rooms of the Club.

XII. Bye-Laws.

24. The Committee are empowered to make Bye-laws to meet temporary emergencies, or such as they may consider necessary for the well-being of the Club, which shall have effect till set aside by a General Meeting.

XIII. Complaints.

25. All complaints shall be made in writing to the Hon. Secretary, who, if he should be unable to deal with them himself, shall submit them to the Committee, whose decision shall be final. In no instance shall a servant be reprimanded directly by any Member.

XIV. Rules and Regulations of the Club.

26. A Member having paid his Entrance Fee and Subscription shall be bound to submit to the Rules and Regulations of the Club, a printed copy of which shall be sent to every Member with his notice of election.*

* The above, with the addition of the Rule as to Service Members, set out on p. 166, are the present Rules of the Club.

LAWS OF GOLF.

(*Revised and amended by the Committee of the Blackheath Golf Club in* 1828.)

I. The distance from the Hole, in Teeing, shall not exceed four Club Lengths, nor be nearer it than two, and the Tee must be on the ground.

II. The Ball farthest from the Hole played for must be first played.

III. Whilst a stroke is playing, none of the Party shall walk about, make any motion, or attempt to take off the Player's attention by speaking or otherwise.

IV. The Party gaining a Hole shall strike off first.

V. The Ball shall not be changed or handled, on any pretence, whilst playing except when by accident it is driven into water or mud, in which case the Player may take it out, and throw it behind the hazard, losing a stroke.

VI. No Stones, Bones, or other Break-clubs, shall be removed.

VII. If the Player, by mistake strikes his Opponent's Ball in playing through the Green, the stroke shall not be reckoned against either, and the Ball must be played as it may chance to lie.

VIII. No Person shall be at liberty to better his position in playing, by breaking the surface of the Green, placing or removing stones; but should the Ball be driven into Furze, he shall be at liberty to break down as much of it as will enable him to see the Ball before striking.

IX. In playing, no means shall be used to beat down or make any mark in the sand or soil, whereby to improve the lie of the Ball.

X. If a stroke be made, and the Club passes the Ball, or strikes the Ground, it shall be reckoned against the Player, although the Ball be missed, or the Club be broken.

XI. The Party whose Ball is amissing shall be allowed five minutes to search for it, after coming to the spot where the Ball appeared to drop. If not then found, the Hole is lost.

XII. But should it be evident to both Parties that the Ball must of necessity have been carried off by some person or animal, the loser shall be entitled to throw down another, as near the spot as the Players can guess.

XIII. If the Ball be stopped by accident, it must be played as it may chance to lie.

XIV. But if stopped by the opposite Party, or their Club-bearers, no stroke shall be reckoned against the Player, and he shall also be at liberty to lay the Ball fair.

XV. At Holing, you are not to mark the direction to the Hole, the Ball must be played honestly for the Hole, and not on the adversary's Ball not lying in the way.

XVI. Nothing whatever shall be removed when putting at the Hole, excepting on the play for the Medal, when all loose impediments, within six club-lengths of the Hole, may be removed.

XVII. When the Hole is distinctly in view, no person shall stand at it for a direction.

XVIII. When several Parties are on the Green, the second Party shall not strike off before each of the advanced Party has played his second Stroke.

XIX. If the Player Holes the Opponent's Ball, it shall be reckoned in favour of the Opponent, and be the same as if his Ball had been previously Holed.

RULES OF THE GAME OF GOLF,

TO BE OBSERVED BY THE MEMBERS OF

THE BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

(*Adopted* 18*th May*, 1844.)

Order of Play.

I. At the commencement of the day, if the parties cannot agree which of them is to play first, a toss must take place, and whoever wins it plays first or not, as he or they please. If the party not entitled to it play first at any hole, the ball may be either taken back, and be played in its proper order, or it may be held as the regular teed stroke, in the adversary's option. After the teed strokes have been struck, the ball farthest from the hole to which the parties are playing must be played first.

Place of Teeing.

II. No ball to be teed nearer the hole than *two* club lengths, nor farther from it than *four*. The turf on no account to be raised for the purpose of teeing the ball.

Against Changing the Ball.

III. A ball struck from the tee must not be changed till the hole is played out; and if the parties be at a loss to know the one ball from the other, neither ball is to be lifted till both parties agree.

Lifting Break Clubs, etc.

IV. Stones, bones, or any break club within a club length of the ball, may be removed when the ball lies on grass, provided the player uses a wooden club; but nothing can be removed if it lies amongst nettles, or in sand, in a bunker, in a road, or any hazard. No other loose impediment whatever, such as turf, bent, or mud, etc., can be removed on the driving course; and nothing that is fixed or growing can be removed at any time, either on the driving course or putting green.

When the ball is in gravel, or in sand, or in a hazard, the player must take care, in aiming at his ball, that he does not alter or improve its position. If he does so, he loses the hole.

Holes, etc.

V. If the ball lie in an old or supernumerary hole made for the purpose of golfing, or in any other hole not in a hazard out of which it cannot possibly be played, or if played into a cricket tent, it may be lifted, dropped over the shoulder, and played with an iron without losing a stroke.

Ball in Water.

VI. If the ball is half covered or more with water, the player may take it out, tee it, and play from behind the hazard, losing a stroke.

Entitled to See the Ball.

VII. When the ball is covered with nettles, bent, whins, or the like, so much thereof shall be set aside as that the player shall have a view of the ball before he plays. A ball which is stuck fast in mud or wet ground may be loosened.

Clearing Putting Green.

VIII. All loose impediments, of whatever kind, may be removed on the putting green, which is considered not to exceed twenty yards from the hole.

Holing Out.

IX. In holing out, no mark of any kind shall be made to direct the player to the hole, nor shall the ground be smoothed. Sand or other loose substances may be removed, but it must be done lightly, without pressure, or beating down with the feet, club, or otherwise. The ball must be played fairly and honestly for the hole, and not on the adversary's ball.

Lifting Balls.

X. When the balls lie within six inches of each other, anywhere except on the putting green, the ball nearest the hole must be lifted, if either party require it. On the putting green it is optional to the player to have a ball in such circumstances lifted or not. The six inches to be measured from the surface of each ball. In a three ball match, the ball nearest the hole, and within the

prescribed distance of another, must be lifted or played out. In all cases where a ball is lifted, it ought, if possible, to be done by a disinterested spectator, and replaced by him as nearly as possible on the same spot, and the ball itself lying in the same way as it did before.

Ball Lost.

XI. If a ball is lost in water, or in any other way, the player (or his partner in a double match) returns to the spot whence the ball was struck, tees another ball, and loses both the distance and the stroke. If the original ball is found before the party playing a new one has come opposite to the ground where it was lost, the *first* continues the one to be played, without any penalty.

Club Breaking.

XII. If in striking the club breaks, it is, nevertheless, to be accounted a stroke, if the part of the club remaining in the player's hand either strike the ground, or pass the ball.

Rubs of the Green.

XIII. Whatever happens to a ball by accident, or is done to it by third parties, or by the fore cady, must be reckoned a rub of the green; if, however, the player's ball strike his adversary, or his adversary's cady, or his clubs, the adversary loses the hole. If the player or his cady touch his ball in the course of the play, with his foot, or anything except his club, or if it strikes himself or his partner, or either of their cadies or their clubs, or if he strikes twice at the ball, he loses the hole. If one party strikes his adversary's ball with his club, foot, or otherwise, that party loses the hole; but if he play it inadvertently, thinking it his own, and the adversary also play the wrong ball, the penalty cannot be claimed, and the hole must be played out with the balls thus changed. If the mistake occurs from information given to one party by the other, the penalty cannot be claimed, and the mistake, if discovered before the other party shall have played, must be rectified by replacing the ball in the place where it lay.

Dropping Ball.

XIV. In all cases where a ball is to be dropped, the party dropping shall front the hole to which he is playing, and drop the ball behind him, over his shoulder.

Parties Playing.

XV. Every party shall go in the same direction of the course, and to the same holes, and no party following shall play off till the party in advance shall have played the second stroke, and no party is to play when another is on the putting green, till that party shall have holed out. Parties playing two balls shall be entitled to pass parties playing three.

Medal Day.

XVI. New holes shall always be made on the days the medals are played for, and no Member of the Club shall be allowed to play at these holes before he starts for the prizes, or to interrupt the competitors in any way.

Playing for Medals.

XVII. The match to consist of —— holes, and such Members as intend to compete for the medal must give in their names to the Secretary, at or previous to the Meeting to be held on the day of competition ; they shall then be matched together in parties of two, by drawing lots, each player being attended by a Marker, for the purpose of recording the strokes as they are struck, on a card prepared for that purpose. On comparing these cards, he who shall be found to have made the holes in the fewest strokes is to be declared the winner of the medal. If two or more of the highest competitors finish the match in the same number of strokes, they shall play an additional round to decide the matter.

Mistakes about Holes.

XVIII. Mistakes relative to the reckoning of any particular hole cannot be rectified after the parties have struck off for the next hole.

Disputes about the Game.

XIX. All disputes about the game shall be determined by the Captain or any Member of the Club present, or if none be present, by a mutual referee. No person is allowed to advise either party, except their own partners or cadies, or interfere in any way. It ought to be understood that, whilst any party is in the act of playing, every body present should remain quiet, and not speak aloud.

RULES OF THE GAME OF GOLF,

TO BE OBSERVED BY THE MEMBERS OF

THE ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

(*Adopted in* 1860).

Order of Play.

I. At the commencement of the day, if the parties cannot agree which of them is to play first, a toss must take place, and whoever wins it plays first or not, as he or they please; afterwards whoever wins the hole to play first from the tee. After the teed strokes have been struck, the ball farthest from the hole to which the parties are playing must be played first. If the party not entitled to play first at any hole should do so, he shall lose a stroke. Partners in a double match to play alternately, and if one plays twice in succession they lose the hole.

Place of Teeing.

II. No ball to be teed nearer the hole than *four* club lengths, no farther from it than *six*. The turf on no account to be raised for the purpose of teeing the ball.

Against Changing the Ball.

III. A ball struck from the tee must not be changed till the hole is played out; and if the parties be at a loss to know the one ball from the other, neither ball shall be lifted till both parties agree.

Lifting Break Clubs, etc.

IV. All loose impediments within twelve inches of the ball may be removed when the ball lies on grass, whether in a hazard or not, provided the player uses a wooden club; but nothing can be removed if it lies amongst nettles, or in sand, in a bunker, in a road, or any hazard, and not on grass. Nothing that is fixed or growing can be removed at any time, either on the driving course or putting

green. When the ball is in gravel, or in sand, or in a hazard, the player must take care, in aiming at his ball, that he does not alter or improve its position, if he does so he loses a stroke.

Holes, etc.

V. If the ball lies in an old or supernumerary hole, made for the purpose of golfing, or in any other hole not in a hazard, out of which it cannot possibly be played, or if played into a cricket tent or garden, it may be lifted, and teed behind, the player losing a stroke.

Ball in Water.

VI. If the ball is half covered, or more, with water, the player may take it out, tee it, and play from behind the water, losing a stroke.

Entitled to See the Ball.

VII. When the ball is covered with nettles, bent, whins, or the like, so much thereof shall be set aside that the player may have a view of the ball before he plays. A ball which is stuck fast in mud, or wet ground, may be taken out, and replaced loosely in the hole it has made.

Clearing Putting Green.

VIII. All loose impediments, of whatever kind, may be removed from the putting green or table land on which the hole is placed. The putting green is not considered to extend beyond twenty yards from the hole, but any ball which requires to be played with an iron, in consequence of the broken or uneven surface of the ground, although lying within twenty yards of the hole, shall not be considered as lying on the putting green, nor the player be entitled to the privilege of lifting loose impediments; this privilege being limited to the putting green, or table land, where putters of wood, or iron, or cleeks, alone are used.

Holing Out.

IX. In holing out no mark shall be placed or line drawn to direct the ball to the hole; the ball must be played fairly and honestly for the hole, and not on an adversary's ball, not being in the way to the hole; nor, although lying in the way to the hole, is the player entitled to play with any strength upon it that might injure his position, or greater than is necessary honestly to send his own

ball the distance of the hole. Either party may smooth sand lying around the hole, but this must be done lightly, without pressure or beating down with the feet, club, or otherwise.

Lifting Balls.

X. When the balls lie within six inches of each other, anywhere except on the putting green, the ball nearest the hole must be lifted if either party require it. On the putting green it is optional to the player to have a ball in such circumstances lifted or not. The six inches to be measured from the inner surface of each ball. In a three ball match, the ball nearest the hole must, if required, be lifted, or played out. In all cases where a ball is lifted, it ought, if possible, to be done by a disinterested spectator, and replaced by him, as nearly as possible, on the same spot, and the ball itself lying in the same way as it did before.

Ball Lost.

XI. If a ball is lost in water, or in any other way, the player (or his partner in a double match) must return to the spot whence the ball was struck, tee another ball, and lose both the distance and the stroke. If the original ball is found before the party playing a new one has come opposite to the ground where it was lost, the *first* continues the one to be played, without any penalty.

Club Breaking.

XII. If in striking the club breaks, it is nevertheless to be accounted a stroke if the part of the club remaining in the player's hand either strikes the ground or passes the ball.

Rubs of the Green.

XIII. Whatever happens to a ball by accident, such as striking any person, or touched with the foot by a third party, or by the forecaddy, must be reckoned a rub of the green and submitted to. If, however, the player's ball strikes his adversary, or his adversary's caddy or clubs, the adversary loses the hole; if it strikes himself, or his partner, or their caddies or clubs, or if he strikes the ball a second time while in playing, the player loses the ball. If the player touches the ball with his foot or any part of his body, or with anything except his club, or with his club moves the ball in preparing to strike, he loses a stroke; and if any player strikes his adversary's ball with his club, foot, or otherwise, he loses the hole; but if he plays it inadvertently, thinking it is his own, and his adversary

also plays the wrong ball, it is then too late to claim the penalty, and the hole must be played out with balls thus changed. If, however, the mistake occurs from wrong information given by one party to the other, the penalty cannot be claimed, and the mistake, if discovered before the other party has played, must be rectified by replacing the ball as near as possible where it lay. If the player's ball be played away by mistake, or lifted by a third party, then the player must drop a ball, as near the spot as possible, without any penalty. Whatever happens to a ball on a Medal day, such as a player striking his caddy, or himself, or his clubs, or moving the ball with his foot or club, or his caddy doing so, or striking it twice before it stops motion, the player in such cases shall lose one stroke only as the penalty.

Parties Playing.

XIV. Every party shall go in the same direction on the course, and to the same holes, and no party following shall play off till the party in advance shall have played the second stroke; and no party is to play when another is on the putting green till that party shall have holed out. Parties playing two balls shall be entitled to pass parties playing three balls.

Medal Day.

XV. New holes shall always be made on the days the Medals are played for, and no Member of the Club shall be allowed to play at such holes before he starts for the prizes, or to interrupt the competitors in any way.

Playing for Medals.

XVI. The match to consist of 21 holes, and such Members as intend to compete for the Medal must give in their names to the Secretary at or previous to the Meeting to be held on the day of competition; they shall then be matched together in parties of two, each player being attended by a Marker, for the purpose of recording the strokes, as they are struck, on a card prepared for that purpose. On comparing these cards, he who shall be found to have made the holes in the fewest strokes is to be declared the winner of the Medal. If two or more of the highest competitors finish the match in the same number of strokes, they shall play an additional round to decide the matter; but no Member shall be allowed to compete after the first party shall have completed the first round, unless previously ready, and present at the starting hole.

Mistakes about Holes.

XVII. Mistakes relative to the reckoning of any particular hole cannot be rectified after the parties have struck off for the next hole.

Disputes about the Game.

XVIII. All disputes about the game shall be determined by the Captain or any Member of the Committee present, or, if none be present, by a mutual referee. No person is allowed to advise either party, except their own partners or caddies, or interfere in any way. It ought to be understood, that whilst any party is in the act of playing, everybody present should remain quiet and not speak aloud.

Split Balls.

XI. In playing for a medal, if a ball be split into two or more pieces, flattened, or otherwise rendered unfit for being played with, a fresh ball may be substituted, and no penalty inflicted ; but in playing a match, where a ball is so damaged a fresh one may be substituted, the player losing a stroke.

General Penalty.

XX. Where no penalty for the infringement of a Rule is specially mentioned, the loss of the hole shall be understood to be the penalty.

RULES OF THE GAME OF GOLF,

TO BE OBSERVED BY THE MEMBERS OF

THE ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

The 1868 *Rules.*

ORDER OF PLAY.

I. At the commencement of the day, if the parties cannot agree which of them is to play first, a toss must take place, and whoever wins it plays first or not, as he or they please; afterwards whoever wins the hole to play first from the tee. After the teed strokes have been struck, the ball farthest from the hole to which the parties are playing must be played first. If the party not entitled to play first at any hole should do so, he shall lose a stroke. Partners in a double match to play alternately, and if one plays twice in succession they lose the hole.

PLACE OF TEEING.

II. No ball to be teed nearer the hole than *six* club lengths, nor farther from it than *nine*. The turf on no account to be raised for the purpose of teeing the ball.

The 1874 *Rules.*

ORDER OF PLAY.

I. The same.

PLACE OF TEEING.

II. The same.

The 1868 *Rules.*

AGAINST CHANGING THE BALL.

III. A ball struck from the tee must not be changed until the hole is played out; and if the parties be at a loss to know the one ball from the other, neither ball shall be lifted till both parties agree.

LIFTING BREAK CLUBS, ETC.

IV. All loose impediments within a club length of the ball may be removed when the ball lies on grass, whether in a hazard or not; but nothing can be removed if it lies amongst nettles, in sand, in a bunker, or in a road. Nothing that is fixed or growing can be removed at any time, either on the driving course or putting green. When the ball is in gravel, or in sand, or in a hazard, the player must take care, in aiming at his ball, that he does not alter or improve its position, if he does so he loses a stroke.

HOLES, ETC.

V. If the ball lies in an old or supernumerary hole, made for the purpose of golfing, or in any other hole, out of which it cannot possibly be played, or if played into a cricket tent or garden, it may be lifted and teed behind, the player losing a stroke.

The 1874 *Rules.*

AGAINST CHANGING THE BALL.

III. The same.

LIFTING BREAK CLUBS, ETC.

IV. The same.

BALL IN HOLES, ETC.

V. In playing either a Match or for a Medal, the player may lift his ball out of any place, tee behind, and lose two strokes.

The 1868 *Rules.*

BALL IN WATER.

VI. If the ball is half covered, or more, with water, the player may take it out, tee it, and play from behind the water, losing a stroke.

ENTITLED TO SEE THE BALL.

VII. When the ball is covered with nettles, bent, whins, or the like, so much thereof shall be set aside, as that the player may merely have a view of his ball before he plays, whether in a line with the hole or otherwise. A ball which is stuck fast in mud, or wet ground, may be taken out, and replaced loosely in the hole it has made.

CLEARING PUTTING GREEN.

VIII. All loose impediments of whatever kind may be removed from the putting green, or table-land on which the hole is placed. The putting green is not considered to extend beyond twenty yards from the hole. Nothing can be lifted either on the course or putting green, if by so doing the ball is moved out of its position.

HOLING OUT.

IX. In holing out no mark shall be placed or line drawn to direct the ball to the hole; the ball must be played fairly and honestly for the hole, and not on an adversary's ball, not being in

The 1874 *Rules.*

BALL IN WATER.

VI. The same.

ENTITLED TO SEE THE BALL.

VII. The same.

CLEARING PUTTING GREEN.

VIII. The same.

HOLING OUT.

IX. The same.

The 1868 *Rules.*

the way to the hole; nor, although lying in the way to the hole, is the player entitled to play with any strength upon it that might injure his position, or greater than is necessary honestly to send his own ball the distance of the hole.

Either party may smooth sand lying around the hole, but this must be done lightly, without pressure or beating down with the feet, club, or otherwise.

LIFTING BALLS.

X. When the balls lie within six inches of each other, whether on the putting green or elsewhere, the ball nearest the hole must be lifted if either party require it. The six inches to be measured from the inner surface of each ball. In a three ball match the ball nearest the hole must, if required, be lifted or played out. In all cases where a ball is lifted, it ought, if possible, to be done by a disinterested spectator, and replaced by him as nearly as possible on the same spot, and the ball itself lying in the same way as it did before.

BALL LOST.

XI. If a ball is lost, the player (or his partner in a double match) must return to the spot whence the ball was struck, tee another ball, and lose both the distance and the stroke. If the original ball is found before the party

The 1874 *Rules.*

LIFTING BALLS.

X. The same.

BALL LOST.

XI. The same.

The 1858 *Rules.*

playing a new one has come opposite to the ground where it was lost, the *first* continues the one to be played, without any penalty.

The 1874 *Rules.*

CLUB BREAKING.

XII. If in striking, the club breaks, it is nevertheless to be accounted a stroke, if the part of the club remaining in the player's hand either strikes the ground or passes the ball.

CLUB BREAKING.

XII. The same

RUBS OF THE GREEN.

XIII. Whatever happens to a ball, by accident, such as striking any person, or touched with the foot by a third party, or by the forecaddy, must be reckoned a rub of the green and submitted to. If, however, the player's ball strikes his adversary, or his adversary's caddy or clubs, the adversary loses the hole; if it strikes himself, or his partner, or their caddies, or clubs, or if he strikes the ball a second time while in playing, the player loses the hole. If the player touches the ball with his foot, or any part of his body, or with anything except his club, moves the ball in preparing to strike, he loses a stroke; and if any player strikes his adversary's ball with his club, foot, or otherwise, he loses the hole, but if he plays it inadvertently, thinking it is his

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XIII. The same.

The 1868 *Rules.*

own, and his adversary also plays the wrong ball, it is then too late to claim the penalty, and the hole must be played out with balls thus changed. If, however, the mistake occurs from wrong information given by one party to the other, the penalty cannot be claimed, and the mistake, if discovered before the other party has played, must be rectified by replacing the ball as near as possible where it lay. If the player's ball be played away by mistake, or lifted by a third party, then the player must drop a ball, as near the spot as possible, without any penalty. Whatever happens to a ball on a medal day, such as a player striking his caddy, or himself, or his clubs, or moving the ball with his foot or club, or his caddy doing so, or striking it twice before it stops motion, the players in such cases shall lose one stroke only as the penalty.

PARTIES PLAYING.

XIV. Every party shall go in the same direction on the course and to the same holes, and no party following shall play off till the party in advance shall have played the second stroke; and no party is to play when another is on the putting green till that party shall have holed out. Parties playing two balls, whether by two or four players, shall be entitled to pass parties playing three balls

The 1874 *Rules.*

PARTIES PLAYING.

XIV. The same.

The 1868 *Rules.*

MEDAL DAY.

XV. New holes shall always be made on the days the medals are played for, and no Member of the Club shall be allowed to play at such holes before he starts for the prizes.

PLAYING FOR MEDALS.

XVI. The match to consist of 21 holes; and such members as intend to compete for the Medals, must give in their names to the Secretary at or previous to the meeting to be held on the day of competition; they shall then be matched together in parties of two, each player being attended by a marker, for the purpose of recording the strokes as they are struck, on a card prepared for that purpose. On comparing these cards, he who shall be found to have made the holes in the fewest strokes is to be declared the winner of the medal. If two or more of the highest competitors finish the match in the same number of strokes, they shall play an additional round to decide the matter; no member shall be allowed to compete after the first party shall have completed the first round, unless previously ready, and present at the starting hole.

MISTAKES ABOUT HOLES.

XVII. Mistakes relative to the reckoning of any particular hole cannot be rectified after the parties have struck off for the next hole.

The 1874 *Rules.*

MEDAL DAY.

XV. The same.

PLAYING FOR MEDALS.

XVI. The same.

MISTAKES ABOUT HOLES.

XVII. The same.

The 1868 *Rules.*

DISPUTES ABOUT THE GAME.

XVIII. All disputes about the game shall be determined by the Captain or any Member of the Committee present, or, if none be present, by a mutual referee. No person is allowed to advise either party, except their own partners or caddies, or interfere in any way. It ought to be understood that whilst any party is in the act of playing everybody present should remain quiet and not speak aloud.

SPLIT BALLS.

XIX. In playing for a Medal, if a ball be split into two or more pieces, flattened, or otherwise rendered unfit for being played with, a fresh ball may be substituted, and no penalty inflicted; but in playing a match, where a ball is so damaged, a fresh one may be substituted, the player losing one stroke.

GENERAL PENALTY.

XX. Where no penalty for the infringement of a Rule is specially mentioned, the loss of the hole shall be understood to be the penalty.

The 1874 *Rules.*

DISPUTES ABOUT THE GAME.

XVIII. The same.

SPLIT BALLS.

XIX. In playing a Match or for a Medal, if a ball be split, flattened, or otherwise damaged, a fresh ball may be substituted in the place of the other, or the larger portion of the other, if split in two or more pieces, without a penalty.

GENERAL PENALTY.

XX. The same.

RULES OF THE GAME OF GOLF,

TO BE OBSERVED BY THE MEMBERS OF

THE ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

(*Adopted in* 1879.)

Order of Play.

I. At the commencement of the day, if the parties cannot agree which of them is to play first, a toss must take place, and whoever wins it plays first or not, as he or they may please; afterwards whoever wins the hole to play first from the tee. After the teed strokes have been struck, the ball farthest from the hole to which the parties are playing must be played first. If the party not entitled to play first at any hole should do so, he shall lose a stroke. Partners in a double match to play alternately, and if one plays twice in succession they lose the hole.

Place of Teeing.

II. The ball must be teed within, but not more than one yard behind, the line marked by the Professional.

Against Changing the Ball.

III. A ball struck from the tee must not be changed till the hole is played out (except as provided for in Rules V., VI., XI. and XIX.); and if the parties be at a loss to know the one ball from the other, neither ball shall be lifted till both parties agree.

Lifting Break Clubs, etc.

IV. All loose impediments within a club length of the ball may be removed when the ball lies on grass, whether in a hazard or not; but nothing can be removed if it lies amongst nettles, in sand, in a bunker, or in a road. Nothing that is fixed or growing can be removed at any time, either on the

driving course or putting green. When the ball is in gravel, or in sand, or in a hazard, the player must take care, in aiming at his ball, that he does not alter or improve its position ; if he does so he loses a stroke.

Ball in Holes, etc.

V. In playing either a Match or for a Medal, the player may lift his ball out of any place, tee behind, and lose two strokes ; if the ball be played within the railing at Whitfield's Mount it must be lifted, and the player (facing the hole he is playing to) must drop the ball over his shoulder, behind the enclosure, and lose one stroke ; if the ball should tie amongst broken metal, bottles, or any substance from which it would be dangerous or objectionable to play, the player may lift the ball, and facing the hole he is playing to, drop it, or another ball, over his shoulder, and lose one stroke.

Ball in Water.

VI. If the ball is in water the player may tee it, or another ball, behind the water, losing a stroke.

Entitled to See the Ball.

VII. When the ball is covered with nettles, bent, whins, or the like, so much thereof may be set aside, as that the player may merely have a view of his ball before he plays, whether in a line with the hole or otherwise. A ball which is stuck fast in mud, or wet ground, may be taken out, and replaced loosely in the hole it has made.

Clearing Putting Greens.

VIII. All loose impediments of whatever kind may be removed from the putting greens or table land on which the hole is placed. The putting green is not considered to extend beyond twenty yards from the hole. Nothing can be lifted either on the course or putting green, if by so doing the ball is moved out of its position.

Holing Out.

IX. In holing out no mark shall be placed or line drawn to direct the ball to the hole. The ball must be played fairly and honestly for the hole, and not for the adversary's ball, not being in the way to the hole, nor, although lying in the way to the hole, is the player entitled to play with any strength upon it that might injure his position, or greater than is necessary honestly to send his own

ball the distance of the hole. Either party may smooth sand around the hole, but this must be done lightly, without pressure or beating down with the feet, club, or otherwise.

Lifting Balls.

X. When the balls lie within six inches of each other, whether on the putting green or elsewhere, the ball nearest the hole must be lifted if either party require it. The six inches to be measured from the inner surface of each ball. In a three-ball match the ball nearest the hole must, if required, be lifted or played out. In all cases where a ball is lifted, it ought, if possible, to be done by a disinterested spectator, and replaced by him, as nearly as possible on the same spot, and the ball itself lying in the same way as it did before.

Ball Lost.

XI. If a ball is lost, the player (or his partner in a double match) must return to the spot whence the ball was struck, tee another ball, and lose both the distance and a stroke. If the original ball is found before the party playing a new one has come opposite to the ground where it was lost, the *first* continues the one to be played, without any penalty.

Club Breaking.

XII. If, in striking, the club breaks, it is nevertheless to be accounted a stroke if the part of the club remaining in the player's hand either strikes the ground or passes the ball.

XIII. Whatever happens to a ball by accident, such as striking any person, or touched with the foot of a third party, or by the forecaddy, must be reckoned a rub of the green and submitted to. If, however, the player's ball strikes his adversary or his adversary's caddy or clubs, the adversary loses the hole; if it strikes himself, or his partner, or their caddies or clubs, or if he strikes the ball a second time while in playing, the player loses the hole. If the player touches the ball with his foot, or any part of his body, or with anything except his club, or with his club moves the ball in preparing to strike, he loses a stroke; and if any player strikes his adversary's ball with his club, foot, or otherwise, he loses the hole; but if he plays it inadvertently, thinking it his own, and his adversary also plays the wrong ball, it is then too late to claim the penalty, and the hole

must be played out with the balls thus changed. If, however, the mistake occurs from wrong information given by one party to the other, the penalty cannot be claimed, and the mistake, if discovered before the other party has played, must be rectified by replacing the ball as near as possible where it lay. If the player's ball be played away by mistake, or lifted by a third party, then the player must drop a ball as near the spot as possible, without any penalty. Whatever happens to a ball on a Medal day, such as a player striking his caddy or himself, or his clubs, or moving the ball with his foot or club, or his caddy doing so, or striking it twice before it stops motion, the player in such cases shall lose one stroke only as the penalty.

Parties Playing.

XIV. Every party shall go in the same direction on the course, and to the same holes, and no party following shall play off till the party in advance shall have played the second stroke ; and no party is to play when another is on the putting green till that party shall have holed out. Parties playing two balls, whether by two or four players, shall be entitled to pass parties playing three balls.

Medal Day.

XV. New holes shall always be made on the days the Medals are played for, and no Member of the Club shall be allowed to play at such holes before he starts for the prizes.

Playing for Medals.

XVI. The match to consist of 21 holes ; and such Members as intend to compete for the Medals must give in their names to the Secretary at or previous to the meeting to be held on the day of competition ; they shall then be matched together in parties of two, each player being attended by a marker, for the purpose of recording the strokes as they are struck, on a card prepared for that purpose. On comparing these cards, he who shall be found to have made the holes in the fewest strokes is to be declared the winner of the Medal. If two or more of the highest Competitors finish the match in the same number of strokes, they shall play an additional round to settle the matter.

Mistakes about Holes.

XVII. Mistakes relative to the reckoning of any particular hole cannot be rectified after the parties have struck off for the next hole.

Disputes about the Game.

XVIII. All disputes about the game shall be determined by the Captain or any member of the Committee present, or, if none be present, by a mutual referee. No person is allowed to advise either party, except their own partners or caddies, or interfere in any way. It ought to be understood that whilst any party is in the act of playing, everybody present should remain quiet, and not speak aloud.

Split Balls.

XIX. In playing a Match or for a Medal, if a ball be split, flattened, or otherwise damaged, a fresh ball may be substituted in the place of the other, or the larger portion of the other, if split in two or more pieces, without a penalty.

General Penalty.

XX. Where no penalty for the infringement of a Rule is specially mentioned, the loss of the hole shall be understood to be the penalty.

The Rules for the Game of Golf agreed to by the Blackheath Club at a General Meeting on the 4th day of April, 1889, were the 'Rules of Golf' promulgated by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews in the year 1888, with the addition of the following:—

LOCAL RULES FOR BLACKHEATH LINKS.

1. Three rounds of the Links are reckoned a match unless otherwise stipulated:—

2. * Hazards on these Links are roads, ditches, loose sand, gravel, growing whins, and footpaths.

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* The Rules published by the 'Royal and Ancient' in 1888 gave no definition of a hazard.

3. In addressing a ball in a hazard the club must not touch the ground (see Rule IV., par. 22).

4. If a ball be lost in water, another ball instead of it may be dropped, as provided by Rule VIII., par. 23.

5. A ball lying inside the railings on Whitfield's Mount or any private enclosure must be treated as unplayable in water. Local Rule 4.

6. When a ball lies within a club's length of implements used for any game which cannot be removed, or within six inches of objectionable matter, or on ground under repair for any other game, the ball may be lifted and dropped behind them or it without a penalty ; but if in a hazard, the ball must be dropped in the hazard.

7. The Special Rules for Medal Play shall apply to all Club Competitions.

8. Golfers must wait for people and conveyances to pass out of their way before playing. It is not sufficient to call "Fore." It is earnestly desired that this rule may be strictly observed by all players.

9. Members are requested to wear their red coats when playing.

10. The Captain, Hon. Sec., or Committee shall decide all disputes, such decision to be final.

At the Annual General Meeting, held on the 5th April, 1892, The Rules for the Game of Golf adopted by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews on the 29th September, 1891, were unanimously adopted by the Blackheath Club. The

Committee being authorised and instructed to settle Local Rules (*vide* p. 163), which they did as follows :—

LOCAL RULES FOR BLACKHEATH LINKS.

1. Three rounds of the Links are reckoned a match unless otherwise stipulated

2. If a ball lie within two yards of a fixed seat, it may be lifted and dropped two yards to the side of the seat farthest from the hole

3. If a ball lie in a hole made for the purpose of, or in connection with, any other game, sport, or pastime, it may be lifted and dropped not more than a club's length from where it lay, but not nearer the golf hole being played for, without a penalty.

4. Should a ball be played into Whitfield's Mount, or any private enclosure, the player must return to the spot as near as possible whence the ball was struck, tee a ball and lose a stroke.

5. When a ball lies within a club's length of implements used for any game, which cannot be removed, or within six inches of objectionable matter, or on ground under repair (excepting roads) the ball may be lifted and dropped behind them or it, without a penalty, but if in a hazard, the ball must be dropped in the hazard.

6. The Special Rules for Medal play shall apply to all Club Competitions by scores.

7. On Medal or Cup Days no competitor shall start from the Club House earlier than 9 o'clock a.m., or later than 2 o'clock p.m., and no three ball play shall be allowed on those days.

8. Competitors for Medals or Cups having once started are not allowed to take shelter or leave the course, but must complete their rounds in the order of their start, subject to such change in their place on the green as may be caused by other

competitors coming from the Club House and starting in front of them in the second or third round, or from their passing, or being passed by, other competitors in the event of a lost ball.

9. Golfers must wait for people and conveyances to pass out of their way before playing. It is not sufficient to call "Fore." It is earnestly desired that this rule may be strictly observed by all players.

10. Members shall always wear their red coats when golfing.

11. The Captain, Hon. Sec., or Committee shall decide all disputes, such decision to be final.

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